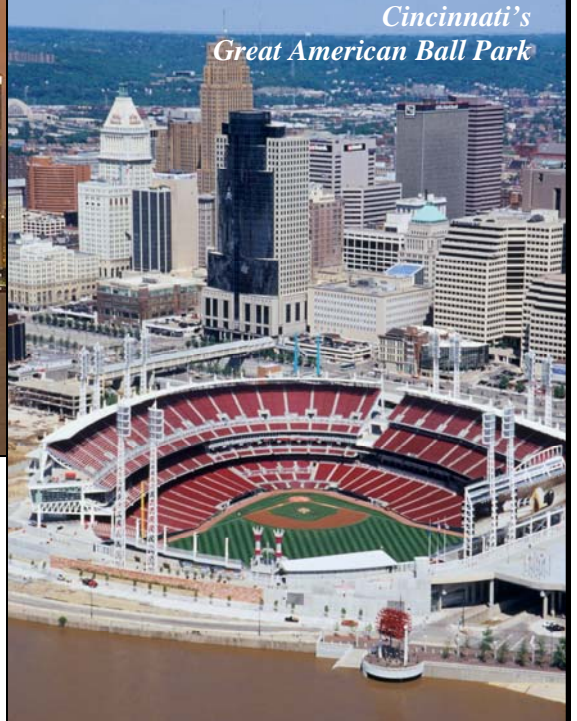


*Chicago's Magnificent Mile*



*Cincinnati's Great American Ball Park*



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# CREATION MUSEUM

*Petersburg, Kentucky*

**June 15-19, 2009**

**Cost:** \$349 quad  
\$399 triple  
\$449 double  
\$599 single

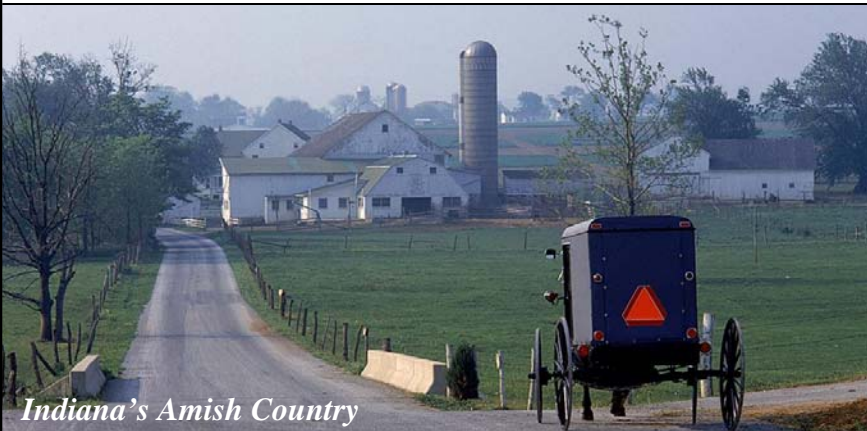
*Guides for the Trip*

**Lyle Lange**

MLC Religion Professor

**Steve Thiesfeldt**

MLC Science Professor



*Indiana's Amish Country*

*Trip Also Includes  
Stops at:*

**Chicago's Magnificent Mile  
Cincinnati's Great American Ballpark  
Indiana's Amish Country  
Ohio River Sunset Cruise**



*Creation Museum*

## TOUR OVERVIEW

MLC students; alumni of MLC, DMLC, and NWC; and members of the OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) are invited to join us for a fun, faith-building, affordable trip sure to provide memories which last a lifetime. Our guides, Professors Lyle Lange and Steve Thiesfeldt, will lead us in daily devotions and provide us with information which will help us be better prepared to refute false teachings regarding the earth's origins and the validity of God's word.



*Professor  
S. Thiesfeldt*



*Professor  
L. Lange*

The Answers in Genesis Creation Museum opened its doors in 2007 as a 60,000 square foot high-tech facility, filled with animatronic displays, striking videos, a state-of-the-art planetarium, and a Special Effects Theater. The museum goes beyond telling the compelling story of the creation of life on this planet to proclaiming



*Exhibit from Creation Museum's Walk through Biblical History*

the Bible as supreme authority in all matters it addresses.

The museum's striking exhibits - which have drawn glowing reviews from national and international print and electronic media – demonstrate to guests that the Bible is the “true history book of the universe” as they take a time journey through a visual presentation of the “Seven C’s of History” according to scripture: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross and Consummation.

Throughout this family-friendly experience, visitors learn how to answer attacks on the Bible's authority in geology, biology, anthropology, cosmology, etc. They also discover how science actually confirms biblical history, and are challenged to consider how the first 11 chapters of Genesis address modern cultural issues such as racism, same-sex marriage and abortion.

For those who feel a full day in a museum might be a bit much, take heart. This unique facility is surrounded by a 49-acre wooded property that features more than two miles of nature trails, beautifully themed botanical gardens, and a three-acre lake.



*Gorgeous gardens and grounds of the Creation Museum*

More information on the museum can be found on its website. See the daily itinerary on the next page for links to it and all the other locations we, Lord willing, will be visiting.

Tour directors Dale Markgraf (OWLS) and Steve Balza (MLC Alumni Association) will do their best to ensure your comfort and safety throughout the trip. They've selected spacious hotel accommodations in locations which are convenient for our outings. All include free continental breakfast. We'll be traveling in a modern, climate-controlled coach complete with restroom, reclining seats with footrests, and a DVD/VCR video system. Pick-up points along our travel route will allow our guests the convenience of being picked up nearer their home.

## DAILY ITINERARY

### Monday, June 15

Departing from New Ulm bright and early en route to Chicago with passenger pick ups offered along the way (Mankato, Rochester, La Crosse, Tomah, Madison, Milwaukee, Kenosha). We'll check in our smoke free all-suite hotel (Comfort Suites) in Oak Brook, IL, then head downtown for dinner (\$) and 3 hours on Chicago's magnificent mile. Stroll the streets on your own or opt to join a group for a Lake Michigan sunset cruise (\$10-15) or ascent up the 1000 foot Hancock Tower (\$10-15).



*Chicago's Navy Pier*

<http://www.choicehotels.com/ires/pdf/en-US/IL074>  
<http://www.hancock-observatory.com/en/index.html>  
<http://www.shorelinesightseeing.com/laketour.php>



*BB Riverboat Cruise*

Last chances to hop aboard occur this morning at our hotel or again at our first stop in Hobart, IN. From there, we press on through Indiana and arrive in Cincinnati in time to visit beautiful Eden Park, a very appropriate stop on a "creation tour" after all. Take in the renowned Krohn Conservatory and its open air butterfly exhibit (\$0-5), opt for a quick visit to the art museum (free), or take a stroll along a trail and ponder the beauty of God's handiwork. After checking in for a two-night stay at our smoke-free all-suite hotel (Comfort Suites) just across the Ohio River in Newport, KY, we head a few blocks down Riverboat Row and board our vessel. Tonight's sunset dinner cruise (included with tour cost) offers us a sample of Cincinnati's local favorites and a relaxing evening on what Thomas Jefferson described as "the most beautiful river on earth".

<http://www.cincinnatiiparks.com/krohn-conservatory>  
<http://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org>  
<http://www.cincinnatiiparks.com/parks-events/central-region/eden-park/index.shtml>  
<http://www.choicehotels.com/ires/pdf/en-US/KY008>  
<http://www.bbriverboats.com>

### Tuesday, June 16

Eden Park, a very appropriate stop on a "creation

**Wednesday, June 17** The highlight of our tour...today we head over to the Answers in Genesis Creation Museum in nearby Petersburg, KY. Your tour package price includes admission to the museum, the Stargazer's planetarium, and all shows. We'll have a full 8 hours to explore and enjoy the exhibits before we head home for the evening. Tonight's entertainment options include a Cincinnati Reds vs. Atlanta Braves baseball game across the river at Great American Ballpark (\$5), exploration of our chic Newport-on-the-Levee neighborhood, or a quiet evening enjoying our hotel's exceptional amenities.

<http://www.creationmuseum.org>  
<http://answersingenesis.org>  
<http://cincinnati.reds.mlb.com>  
<http://www.newportonthelevee.com>



*Adam and Eve*

**Thursday, June 18** Transition with us from the modern skyscrapers of Cincinnati to the tranquility of Indiana's Amish country. Today's travel takes us five hours north but worlds away. After checking in and freshening up at the highly acclaimed Farmstead Inn, you'll have some time to stroll the specialty shop laden streets of Shipshewana. We'll conclude the afternoon with a walk next door to the Mennohof museum where we'll view multimedia presentations designed to help us learn about the history of the Amish, Mennonite, and Anabaptist beliefs. Evening activity options may include: buggy rides through the Amish countryside (\$5-20); an authentic "thrasher's dinner" in an Amish home (\$15-20); shopping at the Riegsecker Marketplace; family style dinner at Blue Gate Restaurant (\$10-20); or a performance of *His Life*, a Broadway style musical depicting Jesus' birth to resurrection in a poignant style that speaks to the hearts of all ages (\$25-\$35).

<http://farmsteadinn.com/farmsteadinn.php>  
<http://www.shipshewana.com/>  
<http://www.buggyline.com/>  
<http://www.riegsecker.com/>



*Amish gentlemen*

**Friday, June 19** Our journey home begins after a deluxe continental breakfast. Drop off stops along the way (identical to our pick up points) ensure a timely return for our guests.

## ATTRACTIONS INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

If you are traveling alone but would prefer having a roommate of the same gender to split costs, please note that on your form and we will do our best to accommodate. Those electing triple or quad occupancy must register together and indicate their roommate preference on the registration form. For the first three nights, all rooms are suites and will have a pullout sofa bed in addition to the 1 king or 2 queen beds.

**\$599** single occupancy  
**\$399** triple occupancy

**\$449** double occupancy  
**\$349** quad occupancy

## DEPOSIT/PAYMENT:

\$100 is due at the time you reserve your space. This fee is refundable up until March 15. The remainder of your payment is due on March 31, the last day to register if seats are still available.

***Please make checks out to MLC.***

## WEATHER EXPECTATIONS:

June is seen by many as the premium time to travel in the Midwest. Temperature averages and sunrise/sunset times for each day (at our location) are noted below.

Monday in Chicago	High 80	Low 61	5:15 sunrise	8:27 sunset
Tuesday in Cincinnati	High 83	Low 62	6:11 sunrise	9:07 sunset
Wednesday in Cincinnati	High 83	Low 62	6:11 sunrise	9:07 sunset
Thursday in Shipshewana	High 82	Low 60	6:09 sunrise	9:22 sunset

## ATTRACTIONS INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

- BB Riverboat Sunset Dinner Cruise (Tuesday evening)
- Creation Museum & Planetarium Admission (Wednesday)
- Menno-hof Amish/Mennonite Museum (Thursday afternoon)

## ATTRACTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST (OPTIONAL):

- Chicago Hancock Tower or Lake Michigan sunset cruise – Monday (about \$15)
  - Butterfly Exhibit at Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati – Tuesday (about \$5)
  - Cincinnati Reds vs Atlanta Braves baseball game – Wednesday (\$5)
  - Nightlife activity in Newport on the Levee – Wednesday (?)
  - Buggy ride through Amish countryside – Thursday (\$5-20)
  - His Life* Broadway-style musical at Blue Gate Theater - Thursday (\$25-35)
- Estimated totals: \$0-65*

## MEALS INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

- Deluxe Continental Breakfast Tuesday-Friday
- Tuesday dinner on BB Riverboat cruise

## MEALS NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

### Lunches

- Monday at fast food/food court in Wisconsin (\$5-10)
- Tuesday at mall food court near Indianapolis (\$5-10)
- Wednesday at Creation Museum (\$5-10)
- Thursday at Wendy's in New Haven, IN (\$5-10)
- Friday at fast food/food court in Illinois (\$5-10)

### Dinners

- Monday near hotel in Oak Brook or in downtown Chicago (\$10-20)
- Wednesday at Reds ballgame or restaurant in Newport (\$10-20)
- Thursday at Amish home or Shipshewana restaurant (\$10-20)
- Friday at fast food/food court near Rochester (\$5-10)

*Estimated totals: \$60-120*