# The Augustana Heritage Newsletter

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# AHA Festival Shaping Up to Be Exciting, Informative, Inspirational

Augustana Heritage Association members and friends will definitely want to make plans to attend the AHA Festival to be held June 13–15 at Midland University, Fremont, Nebraska. Why? Because, under the theme "Prairie Roots, Global Impact" those attending will experience:

- Excellent presentations at three general sessions providing new insights concerning Augustana institutions born in Nebraska cities and on the Nebraska prairies that continue to serve people locally, nationally, and around the globe
- A parade of delegates from early Augustana congregations carrying historical banners, accompanied by commitments to future faithful service
- A special appearance and speech by Bjorn Lyrvall, Swedish Ambassador to the United States
- Entertainment, classical and modern, from the globally-competitive Pathfinders Chorus of Nebraska, the Ringmasters Quartet from Sweden, the Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Omaha, Nebraska, and the winner of the Jenny Lind contest in Sweden
- The celebration and official dedication of the new Luther College of the Liberal Arts at the educational center of Midland University, thereby returning the name of the Augustana-founded Luther College of Wahoo to the American higher education landscape
- The release of two important books of great importance in Augustana Synod history



- A Pre-Festival Tour of Augustana-originated institutions in the Omaha area continuing to serve people in always new and powerful ways
- Inspirational worship services, community hymn singing, and a closing worship service with Nebraska Synod Bishop, Brian Maas, preaching
- Good food, including a traditional Smorgasbord
- Delightful Nebraska Midwestern hospitality

Enclosed with this issue of the AHA Newsletter you will find a full Program Schedule, a list of Interest Groups, a special article about our Swedish guests, including the Swedish Ambassador, a description of the Pre-Festival Tour, along with the Registration Form.

The Local Planning and Arrangements Committee has worked hard to make this a very special event in AHA history. We look forward to welcoming you to the great state of Nebraska this June.



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### AHA Festival 2014: "Prairie Roots, Global Impact"

# June 13-15, 2014 Midland University, Fremont, Nebraska Festival Schedule

(Subject to change as speakers and speakers' schedules get finalized.)

### Friday, June 13

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Pre-event Tour of Augustana Agencies, Omaha, NE, including Augustana Lutheran Church, Immanuel Village, Fogelstrom Chapel, Lutheran Family Services, Mosaic International Headquarters, and the Nebraska Synod Headquarters.
2:00 p.m.	Registration begins, AHA Bookstore and Library Open
4:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.	Opening Welcome Dinner
6:45 p.m.	Hymn Sing
7:00 p.m.	Opening General Session
	"The Lasting Harvest of Luther College and Academy" (panel led by Rev. Dr. Carl Hansen, former president of Midland and co-founder of LutherFest)
8:15 p.m.	Major Announcement: Celebration of the Creation of Luther College of the Liberal Arts at Midland University with Service of Blessing
9:00 p.m.	Evening Reception

### Saturday, June 14

7:30 a.m.	Registration continues; Continental Breakfast
8:45 a.m.	Hymn Sing and Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m.	General Session:
	"Bethphage and Mosaic: From Beginnings to Global Impact," Linda Timmons, President and CEO Mosaic
9:45 a.m.	General Session: "Celebrating the Augustana Swedish Churches of the Prairie," (procession of banners; comments by Bishop D. Anderson)

10:15 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:45 a.m.	Interest Groups (See list of various options)
12:00 noon	Affinity group reunions, with box lunches
1:30 p.m.	General Session
	"Immanuel and Lutheran Family Services: Common Origins, Current Mission, Future Visions," Eric Gurley, CEO, Immanuel, and Ruth Henrichs, CEO, Lutheran Family Services
2:30 p.m.	Coffee Break
3:00 p.m.	General Session: Bjorn Lyrvall, Swedish Ambassador to the U.S., Pathfinders Chorus and Ringmasters Swedish Quartet
4:30 p.m.	Interest Groups (Repeat of the same options from the morning groups)
6:00 p.m.	Smorgasbord and Scandinavian Dancers of Omaha
7:30 p.m.	Concert: Winner of Jenny Lind Competition from Sweden
	Extra Special Entertainment: World Renowned Pathfinders Men's Chorus of Fremont, NE
8:45 p.m.	Evening Prayers and Music
9:00 p.m.	Evening Reception

### Sunday, June 15

7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:45 a.m.	Hymn Sing
9:00 a.m.	AHA Business Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:30 a.m.	Festival Worship Service (Augustana Liturgy)
	Festival Choir led by Jim Logue, Midland Choir Director
	Preacher: Bishop Brian Maas, Nebraska Synod
12:00 noon	Lunch and Closing Remarks

### AHA Festival 2014: "Prairie Roots, Global Impact"

# **Interest Groups**

"Beyond Bethphage: From the Nebraska Prairies to the Global Impact of Mosaic's Services for People with Intellectual Disabilities"

Leader: Randall Donner

"Luther College in Wahoo: An Augustana Legacy Celebrated in Skits and Scholarship" Leader: Jerry Johnson and panel

"Immanuel: Caring for Others, Then and Now through Hospitals, Deaconesses, Senior Centers, and Nursing Programs from Immanuel to Midland"

Leaders: Nancy Harms, Jill Nyquist, Lucy Hansen

"From Sailor to Soul Healer", The Inspirational Story of Pastor E.A. Fogelstrom And Five Deaconesses

Leader: Dennis Anderson

"The Legacy of Events, Faculty, and Staff at Luther: Small College, Great Memories, Big Impact"

Leader: Dr. David Bjorkquist

"Ministry in Motion: Faith Journeys for Students and Friends of Midland" (and a tour of the campus)

Leader: Jon Fredricks

"Central Seminary of Fremont, Beautiful Historic Site, Beautiful New Mission" (with a site visit to the May Museum and St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Fremont)

Leaders: Rev. Clint McDonald and Curator, May Museum "Swedish Churches of the Prairie: Augustana Beginnings, Ongoing Missions in Towns, Rural Settings, and Big Cities"

Leaders: John Norton, Zelda Anderson, Teresa Houser

"Sent Into the World: The Amazing Story of Luther College Alumni Serving in Foreign Missions"

Leaders: Rev. Ray Hagberg, Dr. Ken Dale

"Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska: Fremont and Omaha Beginnings, Midwest Impact" (with a site visit to the Rupert Dunklau Center for Healthy Families in Fremont).

Leaders: Ruth Henneman and staff

"Rev. Dr. Dale Lund: Pastor, Teacher, Theologian, College President, Educator, Father, Grandfather, and Friend" Leaders: Philip Lund, Ruth Lund

"The Church Giveth and the Church Taketh Away: College and Church Relations, Augustana Synod Days, and Today"

Leaders: Rev. Dr. Carl Hansen, Rev. Grady St. Dennis, Rev. Dr. Bill Nelsen

"Swedish Immigration: A Look Inside Their Trunk!"

Leader: Gerald Sjogren

"Howard Hanson: "Musician of the Prairie, Composer for the World"

Leaders: Dr. Larry Erickson, Jim Logue, Patricia Starr

# Pre-Festival Tour Highlights Augustana Synod Institutions

On Friday, June 13, a special AHA Pre-Festival Tour will highlight several outstanding church-related agencies that have deep Augustana Synod and Nebraska roots. The tour bus will depart from Midland University at 8:00 a.m. and return to the campus at approximately 3:30 p.m. in good time for Festival registration, dinner, and the opening events.

Highlights of the tour will include the following: at Augustana Lutheran Church in Omaha, one of the earliest Swedish churches, the group will learn how the church is reaching out in bold ways to serve its multiethnic neighborhood. Here they will also receive a presentation about programs of Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, making a real difference in the lives of adults and youth. The tour will then proceed to the Immanuel Village to visit the Fogelstrom Chapel and learn about the work and service of the Immanuel communities serving senior citizens through high quality, unique programs. A luncheon will be served at the Immanuel Village in the Garden Room. Then the group will move to the headquarters of Mosaic, with its Bethphage heritage, now serving globally, and the Nebraska Synod headquarters where its active programs and world-wide partnerships will be highlighted. The Tour is sponsored by Mosaic, and because of the sponsorship by this international organization, we are pleased that the fee for the Tour is very reasonable. Cost for the tour will be \$25 per person, which includes the sit-down lunch at the Immanuel Village. Space is limited, so sign up soon, using the space on the enclosed Registration form.

# Swedish Ambassador Headlines Guests from Sweden at AHA Festival

Ambassador to the U.S. since

Björn Lyrvall, Swedish



Björn Lyrvall

the fall of 2013, is expected to speak on Saturday afternoon, June 14, at the AHA Festival at Midland University. Ambassador Lyrvall has a diverse background in diplomatic service for his country. He previously served as Vice-Counsel in St. Petersburg, Russia, and has held positions at Swedish embassies in London and Moscow. He also served at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs Department for Eastern Europe and

Central Asia and at the Permanent Representation to the European Union in Brussels.

Joining him from Sweden will be the very popular Ringmasters Swedish Quartet. Winners of international competitions among barbershop singing groups, the Quartet will appear at the AHA Festival as a part of their U.S. tour. Also expected to perform on Saturday evening will be the winner of the Jenny Lind competition in Sweden. The winner will also be making a special tour of the U.S.

In addition to the Swedish musical groups, AHA Festival-goers will have the opportunity to hear the

well-known Pathfinders Chorus of Nebraska. This allmale singing group has performed thoughout America and abroad. And at the Smorgasbord on Saturday evening the lively Scandinavian Dancers of Omaha will be performing.

### Björn Lyrvall, Ambassador of Sweden to the United States of America

Born in Hofors, Sweden, in 1960, Björn Lyrvall graduated from Stockholm University with a degree in Political Science, Eastern European Affairs and Russian.

Before taking up his current position in September 2013, Ambassador Lyrvall was Director General for Political Affairs at Sweden's Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm. He previously was posted at Sweden's Permanent Representation to the European Union in Brussels, first as Sweden's delegate to the enlargement negotiations, and then as Sweden's Ambassador to the EU Political and Security Committee.

Ambassador Lyrvall has also worked as Special Advisor to Sweden's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Carl Bildt, in his role as EU negotiator and International High Representative in Bosnia and Hercegovina, as well as United Nations Special Envoy on the Balkans. Additional diplomatic stations included Leningrad, Moscow and London.

He is married and has three children.

# AHA Sweden Heritage Tour Receives Accolades

The AHA Sweden Heritage Tour last September has received many accolades from those who participated in it. "We had a simply wonderful time," said one couple. "We saw Grim and did things we would Tom never have been able to of do had we gone on our rtesv own. I learned a lot about the roots of the Swedish church and was especially interested in the fact that many of the churches we visited began as Catholic churches. It was interesting, too, that many still have Christ on the cross, call ministers 'priests' and call the service a 'mass.'"

"This certainly can be labeled as the trip of a lifetime for me," said another. "Learning or re-learning all the information about the beginnings of the Augustana Church has been rewarding."

"Where to begin?" wrote another. "This was such a beautiful opportunity to experience my historic homeland and Lutheran heritage. My mind returns to the warmth of the church interiors in Hille and the Karlstad Cathedral. Most striking was the visit to Fröderyd and the atmosphere of the place where Lina Sandell penned those deeply spiritual words to Day by Day, Thy Holy Wings and Children of the *Heavenly Father*. Thank you for a marvelous experience!"

"Quite simply," wrote another, "being in Sweden was like a part of me came home and I found family. Our shared time and travels answered many questions about both Uppsala Cathedral

heritage and faith, a feast of information as well as just plain feasting!"

Lund Cathedral

"Our time on the AHA tour was a delight," wrote yet another. "The churches we visited became seared in our visual memory; each place offered unique insights and added to our enjoyment."

"I was impressed by the gracious hospital-

Sunnemo Kyrka

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Oslättfors Kyrka

ohoto courtesy of Tom Grin

ity of everyone we met," wrote still another, "especially at the parish churches and how they had researched the (Augustana) founders in order to present relevant information to us. While some of you were sleeping (on the bus)," she continued, "I was enjoying the beauty of red houses, smooth-as-glass lakes, blue skies and white



#### Rättviks Kyrka

clouds and green forests while traveling through rural Sweden, and I now will be painting some of these scenes in my class at church," she concluded.

"It was a grand and glorious trip," wrote yet another. "We are grateful for the friends we made on the trip and are indeed thankful for our heritage, not only as Swedes, but also for those pioneers of Christian faith that passed on the faith that has inspired and influenced our lives in so many ways."

"It was a pleasure meeting a group of such wonderful people on my first 'tour' experience," wrote another. "I enjoyed learning about the roots of Augustana and am glad to have seen so much more of Sweden this time."

Thacker

"The tour gave me a new understanding about the motives that drove Augustana's founders to emigrate to the U. S.," wrote still another. "It was also," he continued, "delightful to make new friendships and renew those of long-standing." "It was such a wonderful trip, and so good to be

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Karl Oscar and Kristina Nilsson (from Vilhelm Moberg's immigrant series) at the Ljuder Museum

we could meet with all the wonderful Swedish people, priests, archbishop, etc.," wrote another. "The food, the fellowship and the journey were all wonderful."

"Well," wrote another, "we now all know what a beautiful country Sweden is and how nice the people are. Highlights for us were spending time with our Swedish relatives, some of whom we had never met before. Being with family on the tour was very special for us and meeting all of you and getting to know you was a delight. Every time we sang

we were surrounded with your beautiful voices. We loved that, and wasn't the a capella choir at church on Sunday night in Stockholm awesome! We enjoyed the Historical Museum in Lund, the Emigrant Museum in Växjö and charming Sigtuna. (We also) enjoyed learning about the amazing men that founded our Augustana Lutheran Church, colleges and towns. God led them to do great things. The churches were beautiful, as were the cemeteries and the parish halls. We just liked everything."

And finally, "for me," wrote yet another, "the most vivid impression was

the listing of all the pastors of a particular medieval church and envisioning what was going on in the world outside the building while they spoke from the pulpit during those 900 to 1000 years, all the wars and treaties, whole empires coming and going, while the people in that place listened to the lessons and



of Pam Hendricks

photo courtesy

Open Air Museum in Åsle Tå

sermons and lived their daily lives, and we worry about the message's survivability in a 200 year old church."

So, there you have it, testimonies from a number of the 25 people who participated in the 2013 AHA **Sweden Heritage Tour** last September. Leaving Newark the night of 9/10 and arriving at the Arlanda airport north of Stockholm the morning of 9/11, the group was conscious of the fact that it had been 12 years to the day since the last AHA **Sweden Heritage Tour** had arrived in Sweden for a 2-week tour







**Orrefors glass factory in Kosta Boda** 

and were all most grateful for safe travel. For the next two weeks, the group explored the parishes from which the founders of the Augustana Synod came, visited with leaders of the Church of Sweden today, including the archbishop, Anders Wejryd, as well as the archbishop-elect, Antje Jackelén, to learn about what's happening in the Church of Sweden today in the face of an increasingly secular society, and came away with a renewed appreciation for our heritage and legacy as Augustana Lutherans.

The group also enjoyed visiting some of the usual tourist attractions in Sweden, including the home of Carl Larsson, the famous Swedish painter, in Sundborn; the home of Selma Lagerlöf, the first woman and first Swede to be awarded the Nobel Prize in literature, at Mårbacka; the Galleri Odenslunda & Sculpture Park in Tidan; the Open Air Experience Museum in Åsle Tå; and the Orrefors glass factory in Kosta Boda.

All in all, it was a busy yet enjoyable two weeks, filled with many new sights and experiences, and I, for one, am grateful for the many blessings we received while touring the land of our forebears.

David E. Baker, Executive Director Augustana Heritage Association

Statue of Lars Paul Esbjörn



The Carolina Rediviva University Library at Uppsala University



### Friday, June 13 – Sunday, June 15, 2014

The registration fee of \$195 includes all plenary and small group sessions, campus meals, coffee breaks, and Festival program costs of Friday evening through Sunday lunch. This price will be honored for registrations postmarked or submitted by May 1, 2014. After this date, registration cost will be \$225. The registration fee does not include lodging. A listing of area hotels, including telephone numbers to call for reservations, is included on the second page of this form. Rooms have been blocked at several locations. Payment for registration must accompany this registration if mailed to us; otherwise please register online at www.MidlandU.edu/aha.

### Registrant #1

### **Registrant #2:**

Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:
Phone:	Phone:
Email Address:	Email Address:

### **Gathering Choir:**

Yes, I (we) shall sing in the Gathering Choir. Music will be sent in advance. Indicate the number of persons for each voice sections which apply:

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
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(If a copy of "Songs of Two Homelands" is available to you, please bring it along.)

### **Interest Groups:**

Please list the numbers of the two interest groups you plan to attend (see list of options in newsletter):

# Affinity Groups: Please indicate the affinity luncheon you plan to attend on Saturday noon. Augustana Seminary – Class year \_\_\_\_\_\_ Upsala College Augustana (IL) College Luther College and Academy Gustavus Adolphus College Foreign Missionaries Bethany College Augustana Congregations

# A separate response form will be sent at a later date to gather information about preferences for interest groups and the Saturday affinity luncheon.

### **Festival registration payment:**

\$195 per person if postmarked by May 1, 2014 (\$225 per person after May 1)
\$60 per person if attending Saturday (Commuter Day) events only.
\$25 additional cost per person for Pre-Festival tour

Number of registrants for entire event:	Total paid: \$
Number of registrants for Saturday (Commuter Day)	Total paid: \$
Number of registrants for Pre-Festival tour:	Total paid: \$

### **Refund policy:**

Prior to April 30, 100% refund May 1-May 31, 75% refund After June 1, no refund (except for medical circumstances which will be determined on a case-by-case basis) Or registrants can donate the registration fee to AHA if unable to attend and receive an acknowledgement for a charitable donation.

### Mail this registration form along with check payable to Midland University to:

Augustana Heritage Association Festival c/o Midland University Alumni Office 900 N Clarkson Fremont, NE 68025

For questions regarding this registration, please contact **Carrie Reed at 402-941-6050** or via email: **reed@MidlandU.edu**.

# Hotel options: (Make reservations early; rooms blocked until May 14, 2014; College World Series begins in Omaha on June 14, 2014)

Holiday Inn Express, Fremont (75 rooms blocked; price begins at \$124.95) Telephone: 402-753-3850 Email: holidayxfremont@younes.com

*Oak Tree Inn, Fremont* (35 rooms blocked: price \$65.00) Telephone: 402-721-3700 Email: fremont@mail.oaktreeinn.com

Sleep Inn, Fremont (no rooms blocked, but call early to reserve, recent price \$89.99) Telephone: 402-721-8400 Internet: Use Choice Hotels website *Countryside Inn & Suites, Fremont* Telephone: 402-721-1109 Email: countrysidefremont@gmail.com

Super 8, Fremont (20 rooms blocked: 15 at \$79.99, 5 at \$69.99) Telephone: 402-727-4445 Email: super8fremont@gmail.com

*Heritage Inn, Wahoo* (10 rooms blocked) Telephone: 402-443-1288 Email: info@wahooheritageinn.com

*Other hotel options are available in West Omaha, only about a half-hour away.* 

# **Reflections on a Sweden Heritage Tour**

When my father immigrated to the San Francisco Bay Area from his native Skåne in 1928, there was an Augustana congregation ready to welcome him. First Lutheran Church of Palo Alto, California, had organized a few years earlier to serve recent immigrants and second genera-



Shirley and Hal Nilsson

tion Swedish-Americans who worked primarily in the construction and service sectors on the San Francisco Peninsula. A few years later my mother also was welcomed by that parish, even though she was a Norwegian immigrant. Although I was born and reared in what later would be known as Silicon

Valley, I was shaped from infancy by the Augustana spirit that emanated from that congregation. Liturgy, hymnody, Luther League, *The* Lutheran Companion, pastors, godparents who themselves were immigrants of Pam Hendricks all influenced me early on. My Augustana formation continued courtesy through conventions, a church college, seminary, and calls in two congregations with



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Augustana roots. It was with this background that I looked forward to the Augustana Heritage Sweden Tour last September in order to explore more deeply the Augustana ethos.

Not that I was unfamiliar with Sweden. I had been there several times, beginning with a visit lasting several months as an elementary age child following World War II. My ties to my Swedish family have only become closer in recent years. But the AHA tour was my first exposure to the places from which the founders of Augustana emigrated in the 1800s. The tour has left me with new insights into the church body that formed me and new-found appreciation for its pioneers as well as a glimpse into the challenging mission before the Church of Sweden today.

The statistic is stunning: 1.2 million Swedes immigrated from 1850 to 1930, most to North America. Why did they leave? (I

photo courtesy of Lil Larson

asked my parents that question.) Conditions in

mid-19th century Sweden

were quite different from the affluent, eclectic,

sophisticated society that Sweden is today. Sweden's

regimented society made it difficult for lower classes

to advance economically.

Population growth further

squeezed economic oppor-



tunity. Those with pietist leanings did not always find it easy to live out their faith within the tradition-bound Church of Sweden. A sense of adventure motivated many of the immigrants. Mostly they were young. (My dad was 23, my mother 19, when they left the "old countries.") America held out exciting possibilities. Vilhelm Moberg explores these and other reasons for the massive movement to America in his four Emigrant novels. An informative stop on the tour was Moberg's home parish, Ljuder Church, in Småland.

One could say that Augustana's pioneer pastors—Esbjörn, Carlsson, Norelius, Hasselquist and Olsson among others—followed the "accompaniment model" as we now

of Pam

term the ELCA's global mission strategy. Their deep concern for the spiritual welfare of their departing countrymen and women caused them to follow the immigrants to the new land. The pastors worried that the new arrivals could fall prey to the variety of religious persuasions springing up here. (As an example, a congregation I served, Zion, Salt Lake City, was founded by Augustana in 1882 in part to reclaim Swedes who had become Mormons.) Much as some of these pastors would have liked to remain in familiar surroundings, their commitment was to sustain settlers in the new land with word and sacrament ministry.



The pioneer pastors are remembered with pride in the parishes they left behind. Lars

**Statue of Lina Sandell** 

Paul Esbjörn's prominent grave stone in the Östervåla churchyard, for example, notes that he was a founder of the church in America. Today's parishioners at Sunnemo Church in Värmland are well aware that one of their pastors, Olof Olsson, was a founder of Lindsborg, Kansas, and later President of Augustana College and Theological Seminary. I sensed a kind of parental pride in children's success among the parishes we visited.

Emigration continues to be a topic of high interest in Sweden. Our tour group was introduced to two institutions involved in emigration studies, the Swedish American Center in Karlstad, and the Swedish Emigrant Institute in Växjö. The Karlstad Center, once focused mainly on compiling information for researchers, now offers lectures and exhibits and support to businesses. The Institute in Växjö offers assistance in researching Swedish genealogy (although a recent press release announced, sadly, that its board of directors voted last November to cease all operations.) Our group was apprised of the challenges created today by Sweden's immigration policies. Sweden has welcomed large numbers of immigrants in recent years, mostly from southeastern Europe and the Middle East. That has placed considerable strains on the job market, social services, and cultural assumptions. The Church of Sweden is defining its mission in light of the new demographic realities. How Swedes in church and society face the challenges was outlined for our group by H. Arnold Barton, an American professor now living in Sweden and known to many in AHA. Behind the similarities between Swedish and American societies he sees deep differences.

Most Swedes, for example, trust their government. When there is a choice between freedom and security, Swedes will choose security. And this line: "Swedes know how to have fun the hard way!"

The generous welcome we received in every place from representatives of the Church of Sweden spoke volumes about the closeness the Swedish church feels towards its American relatives. Parishes offered us coffee-and coffee in Sweden always includes a table graced with traditional sandwiches and sweets. Lunch as guests of Archbishop Anders Wejryd and an afternoon with his soon-tobe successor, Bishop Antje Jackelén of Lund-both of whom have been our guests at AHA Gatheringshelped us appreciate the challenge of being faithful in the midst of a highly secularized society. I heard the Archbishop say again what he

preached in Rock Island a few years ago—that the mission of the church is to help people find meaning for their lives.

An emotional highlight for virtually all twenty-five of us in the tour group was a visit to Fröderyd Church, Lina Sandell's home parish. There we sang her hymns in Swedish and English, hymns that most of us had grown up singing and that continue to nourish our faith, among them "Children of the Heavenly Father" and "Day by Day." We toured Lina's childhood home and stood before the ash tree in which she sat and composed her early poems. At an AHA Gathering at Chautauqua some years ago Swedish pastor and composer Per Harling gave a wonderful presentation on Lina Sandell's life. (It's posted on the AHA website, by the way, if you'd like to look it up.) In a way, Per Harling framed this tour for us. After sharing dinner with us on the first night we were together in Uppsala, he led us, guitar in hand, in some of Sandell's hymns. That set the tone for the rest of our tour, perhaps better called a pilgrimage.

To tour Sweden is to be immersed in a land of glittering lakes and extended forest, thriving farms and prosperous cities, well-maintained roads and 800-yearold churches. To travel the land in the company of those who had been reared in the Augustana tradition, albeit in very different places in the United States, was a delight.

Hal Nilsson, *Albuquerque, New Mexico, is President of the AHA Board of Directors* 

# The Legacy of Professor A. D. Mattson

Many of us who attended Augustana Seminary in Rock Island have commented on the significant impact on their thinking and their ministry that was made by "A.D." Mattson. Kurt Johnson, who graduated from LSTC in 1969, studied on the campus in Rock Island during 1965–1967. He has done historical research on several Augustana background clergy who used their seminary training as inspiration for social action in their parish ministries as well as in their local communities.

Kurt's father was a first cousin to Pastor Bernard Spong of Gary, Indiana, who took on local politicians and organized crime from his parish, Bethlehem Lutheran, in the 1940's and 1950's. Kurt has developed a website revealing insight into Pastor Spong's work, using a rediscovered autobiography of Spong. He also writes of the influence "A.D." had on other Augustana Seminary graduates, including Pastor Merle Carlson, Shepherd of the Street in Minneapolis; Pastor William Youngdahl, Augustana Lutheran in Omaha, NE; Pastor Gordon Spong of Southeast Houston; among many others. Kurt invites any interested readers to visit his website: www. gismedia.com/lostmanuscript

George Meslow, Editor

# A View of Swedes in Nebraska 110 Years Ago

Translator's Note. Carl Leopold Sundbeck (1865-1927) studied theology at the University of Uppsala, from which he graduated in 1893. He was ordained in 1895, but left the clergy in 1901, becoming owner of Arnäsholm Estate in Älvsborgs län. He served as a volunteer in the Greek Army during their 1897 war with Turkey and then studied at the University of Heidelberg, where he received his fil. lic. degree. He later served as a volunteer in Finland's White Army during their civil war, earning Finland's Cross of Freedom, Class III, in 1918. He was an unabashed romantic nationalist, who sought the return of Finland, or at least the island of Åland, to Sweden.

In 1904, Carl Sundbeck wrote about his visit to the Great Plains of the US as he traveled among a number of

Swedish immigrant settlements. The Augustana Historical Society Quarterly has published a translation of Sundbeck's thoughtful journal. We include excerpts of some of his observations as he made his way by train from Kansas through Lincoln, NE, and north to Wahoo and Luther Academy.

In good time we came to the little city of Wahoo, where the Swedish school "Luther Academy" is located.

Wahoo is a place with only a couple of thousand citizens and equipped with the necessities of an American small town: farm implement dealers, a "drug store" with cigars, pop, and dry candies, a post office capped by the Union's proud eagle, etc. But Wahoo is located advantageously on a hillside and has excellent connections thanks to the "North Western", the

"Union Pacific", the "Burlington", and "Missouri" railroads, at which every true-spirited American sees the light yellow, dark brown, burnt ocher, and black [railroad] cars. The names describe the various rail lines that go through this little place.

The institution consists of an ordinary school, roughly

Luther Academy Music Hallequivalent to around five or six grades of<br/>equivalent to around five or six grades of<br/>a Swedish public school, a trade school and a music<br/>school. It was founded in 1883 and is owned and operat-<br/>ed by the Nebraska Conference of the Augustana Synod<br/>and is thus built upon Christian and Swedish-American<br/>foundations. In 1902 the number of students in the<br/>respective departments were 65, 34, and 38. The num-<br/>ber of faculty was eight and the "Academy" consisted of<br/>four classes, where one studies religion, English, Swedish,

Latin, Greek, history, algebra, geometry, physics, botany, "civil government" and bookkeeping.

The director of this school is a young, energetic man, born and raised in America, Pastor Oscar J. Johnson, from Mariadahl, Kansas. He is one of the young Swedish-Americans who has never seen the land of his fathers but who still, thanks to Augustana, shares its education and the best of its life view.

They were just going through graduation at Wahoo. President Gustav Andreen had thus just arrived from Rock Island. I had the pleasure of seeing him again and we each gave a talk to the youth during graduation. The graduating students were between the ages of eighteen and twenty years old and gave the impression of maturity. The school buildings are not so large, but they are built so that they can become part of the projected building(s), intended to be of impressive dimensions.

After the morning ceremonies, which also included musical examination under the leadership of violin virtuoso Prof. Daniel Sandell's leadership, a large dinner was given by Pastor and Mrs. Oscar Johnson, at which even the chairman of the Nebraska Conference, F.N. Swanberg, was present. Pastor Swanberg, born on Gotland and now living in Oakland, NE, enjoys a great reputation within the Augustana Synod for his always calm and wise bearing, his vigorous competence, and his unusually admirable personality—one of those men who we all have reason to wish for here at home.

That afternoon there was a Swedish festival in the church and in the evening they held "commencement" for the departing students in the little theater of Wahoo, whose stage, in honor of the event, was decorated with flowers and greenery. The students were attired in English academic attire, "caps, gowns and hoods." At that event Dr. Andreen gave a talk in English about Idun's apples. The students also gave speeches and presented music, etc. I was seated at the front of the stage and could thus also see the audience which was made up certainly to a large extent of Swedes.

Little Wahoo, which at first seemed quite inauspicious, had, during those days, grown in a remarkable way and worked its way into the heart of its Swedish guest. It was with a real sense of loss that I had to leave these hospitable, friendly and unselfish people. It was especially difficult to leave so soon my host and hostess, Pastor Oscar Johnson and his young wife. But necessity knows no law and duty called me to other places. The buggy stood ready and so, farewell, dear, beautiful Wahoo!

*Thanks to* John E. Norton, *Editor*, Augustana Historical Society Quarterly

### Rooted in Sweden, Nurtured in America



Dr. Gustav Andreen

Pastor Lloyd R. Hanson, retired and living in Sacramento, California, writes of his personal interest in geneology. Among his relatives he listed Dr. Gustav Andreen, president of Augustana College, Rock Island in the early decades of the 20th Century; Dr. Carl Lund-Quist, Executive Director of the Lutheran World Federation in the 1950s: Pastor Goran Forsberg, long-time parish pas-

tor of Bethany Lutheran in Erie, Pennsylvania. Pastor Forsberg was born in Langaryd parish in Sweden in 1858; immigrated to the US and studied at Bethany, Augustana and Augustana Seminary prior to ordination in 1889.

Research into the G. Forsberg family tree was done

by the family some 25 years ago and revealed connections to the Leijonflycht nobility of Sweden as well as to Kings Gustavus Adolphus and Gustaf Vasa. So as we gather with other members of the Augustana Heritage Association we may be sitting very close to someone who is of royal connections, even if some generations removed.



There are further indications that the Vasa fam**King Gustavus Adolphus** 

ily had ties to King Erik of Sweden (1156-1160) and King Knut of Denmark (1080-1086). Family trees can have deep roots, indeed!

George Meslow, Editor

# Former AHA President Receives Great Achievement Award

The Rev. Donald W. Sjoberg, Retired National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, was honored at an awards banquet sponsored by the Swedish Council of America this past October in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The award was presented in conjunction with the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Swedish Council and was based on the recommendations of several local affiliates of the Council. It is an award given to only two people per year and is a distinct honor and recognition.

In granting the award, it was noted that Bishop Sjoberg was born on a farm in Manitoba near a town sometimes referred to as "New Sweden," that his parents had immigrated to Canada from Sweden in 1905, and that he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1951 at the age of 20 and his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Saskatoon Lutheran Seminary in 1953 at the age of 22. He was ordained in 1954 on a call to serve as pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church in Edmonton, Alberta, where he served until 1960. From 1960 to 1970 he served as Regional Secretary for the Board of American Missions, first for the Canada Conference of the Augustana Synod and then for the Western and Central Canada Synods of the Lutheran Church in America. From 1970 to 1985 he served as the second Bishop of the Western Canada Synod of the LCA and in 1985 he was elected as the first National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. He retired in 1993 but continues serving as "a volunteer in congregations, hospitals and community organizations."

At the organizing meeting of the Augustana Heritage Association on the campus of Augustana College in Rock Island in the year 2000, Bishop Sjoberg was elected, along with Retired ELCA Presiding Bishop Herb Chilstrom and Retired LCA Secretary Reuben Swanson, as a "national" member of the first Board of Directors of AHA. From 2008 to 2012 he served as president and today continues to serve on the Board, bringing a wealth of background information, understanding and perspective to the Board's and the Association's deliberations.

As one of Bishop Sjoberg's Mission Development Pastors in Edmonton, Alberta from 1960 to 1965, and again as



**Donald W. Sjoberg** 

his Executive Director from 2008 to 2012, I can readily attest to his devotion and compassion and was pleased to be in attendance at the Award Banquet last October in Winnipeg when he was given the Swedish Council of America Great Achievement Award. In the words of Neil Carlson, the Honorary Consul of Sweden in Manitoba and a member of the Board of Directors of the Swedish Council of America, "No one else in all of Canada could hold a candle to Don Sjoberg when it came time to select the recipient of this year's SCA Great Achievement Award." To that all that I can add is, "Amen, brother."

Congratulations, Don; the award is well-deserved.

David E. Baker, *Executive Director Augustana Heritage Association* 

# American Indian & Alaska Native Symposium to be named in honor of Vine Deloria, Jr.

On November 14, the Annual American Indian & Alaska Symposium at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) was renamed in honor of the late Vine Deloria, Jr. Deloria graduated from Augustana Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., a predecessor school of LSTC. Special guests Susan Power, Elder (Standing Rock Sioux); Father Peter J. Powell, St. Augustine Center for American Indians; and Kirke Kickingbird (Kiowa) was part of the renaming ceremony that took place at 8 p.m. in the Refectory at LSTC, 1100 E. 55th Street, Chicago.

"Vine Deloria, Jr., was a tremendous witness and testimony to the American Indian/Alaska Native understanding of humanity. His affirmation of Grandfather/ Great Spirit as the creator of all life was also an affirmation of the first article of the Christian creed," said the Rev. Dr. Albert "Pete" Pero Jr.

Historian, teacher, activist and author Vine Deloria, Jr. helped focus national attention on American Indian issues with his book, *Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto*, published in 1969. He was named by *Time* magazine as one of the most influential thinkers of the 20th century. He was an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

After graduating from Augustana Seminary in 1963, Vine Deloria, Jr. served as executive director of the National Congress of American Indians. He earned a law degree from the University of Colorado in 1970 and began teaching at Western Washington State College in Bellingham, Wash. He became professor of political science at the University of Arizona in 1978 and established the first master's degree program in the United States in American Indian Studies. He was on the faculty of the University of Colorado, Boulder, from 1990 to 2000, and then returned to the University of Arizona to teach in the College of Law.

"Vine's life journey was a struggle against the politics of assimilation and a commitment to the liberation of all from the mentality and practice of colonialism," said the Rev. Dr. Cheryl Stewart Pero, director of the Albert "Pete" Pero Jr. Multicultural Center at LSTC, the sponsor of the symposium.

# Homeward! Upward! Forward!

# The Immigrant Saga of Otto and Alva Karlstrom and the Founding of the Lutheran Compass Missions in Seattle and Tacoma

Ninety years ago a faith-driven Lutheran couple, the Rev. Otto and Mrs. Alva Karlstrom, originally from Sweden, started a mission in Seattle's skid road which served mostly homeless sailors, loggers, and fishermen. The small mission was in part a chapel, reading room, language school, soup kitchen and a place for the men "to crash." A second mission was established by Otto in 1922 in Tacoma with the local work done by key Lutheran ministers and laypersons. This downtown Tacoma mission remained for decades, but more importantly, morphed into the Lutheran Welfare Society in the early 30s to later establish the first Good Samaritan Hospital, the Puyallup Home for the Aged and now Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community, and the Lutheran Community Services.

Following the death of Otto Karlstrom in 1948, the Compass Center in Seattle has continued to grow. The plight of homeless people has continued but in different ways, and the Center has adjusted and expanded to serve women and men, families, and veterans. As of 2010, the Compass Housing Alliance, as it is now called, operates emergency shelter, day services, transitional and some permanent housing at over 30 different service sites in the greater Seattle area. The current annual budget for this non-profit agency is nearly ten million dollars.

The immigrant story of the Otto Karlstroms and the founding of the missions is told by their youngest son, Ernest Karlstrom, who with his wife, Marilyn, resides at Frank Tobey Jones Retirement Village in Tacoma. The talk starts with descriptions of Alva's and Otto's roots in Sweden and Otto as a young sailor who later circumnavigated the globe in a square-rigged ship. Both of their families migrated to the American midwest where the two met in college. Finally, the couple moved to Seattle where the Rev. Karlstrom took a parish, and the family continued to grow as Otto and Alva became city missionaries.

Support of the missions was mainly through individuals and churches in the Northwest but also across the country and even in Sweden. The cross-country mission trips by auto were family affairs, father preaching, mother a harpist and singer, the kids playing other instruments, singing, and reciting poetry. It is largely a story of family.

# **Reflections on Augustana Seminary** in its Final Year

Charles Dickens is famous for many things. That is especially true of his immortal opening to "The Tale of Two Cities" where he writes, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." That is surely more than a bit dramatic but now I have your attention as I write a bit about the last year of classes at the Augustana Seminary campus at Rock Island. At that point it was no longer Augustana Seminary but was the merged Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (Rock Island campus).

I was part of the class of 1967, the last class to graduate from the historic Rock Island campus. As we graduated on a fine summer day, a moving van was backed up to the library to haul books from Rock Island to Chicago where they would be housed in the glass box that was just completed in Hyde Park.

In some ways that final year was the best of times. We had several exciting new, young professors. I remember especially Jerry Christianson in church history, a fine teacher indeed. Then there was Robert Tobias in ecumenical theology teaching us also about Teilhard de Chardin's "omega point." Robert Benne got me into Reinhold Niebuhr by offering me a special class with just the two of us. I was also privileged to do some further Hebrew with a woman from Chicago who, if my memory serves me right, was a Jew. Reading the psalm with Judith was an amazing experience. From an educational perspective, that last year at Rock Island was the best of times.

It was the best of times because there was a sense of excitement about all that was happening. We went on a retreat with students from the seminary in Fremont, Nebraska. We saw Dr. Stewart Herman, the new president, driving up in his Citroen and wearing a beret, neither of which we had ever seen in the Quad Cities before. We heard about all the potential of the new campus and its location by the University of Chicago. The future seemed so filled with potential.

We had some lively campus activities. There were still the "seminettes," a group for the wives of students to get together and learn how to be a proper pastor's spouse. Hard to believe today, right? But we also had a seminary chorus, naturally all male at that time. And one of our own was our director. Many of us have great memories of touring with the chorus that year and, of course, in previous years under Henry Veld. We consumed gallons of coffee and had fun social events with seminary classmates. There were truly some good times.

But there were also many clouds over both the immediate present and that future. Among those clouds was the growing violence in Vietnam. As was the nation at that point, our class was quite split on the necessity for our military involvement. Some where strongly opposed and some highly supportive. I had mixed feelings and wasn't sure where to come down on the issue. It created tension.

Another tension was a strange split between those who were highly involved in the "T" group movement. There were those who were convinced that being more open with feelings and confronting each other in small groups was the way to a healthier life and church. I was among those suspicious of that and was much more oriented toward academic things. The result was quite a fracture in our small class that resulted in strained personal relationships among some of us.

There were also subliminal worries about the new campus in Chicago, especially its finances. We knew little of those matters but it did seem a great deal of money was being spent. Some of us wondered why we needed to move to Chicago in order to engage more fully with social issues since the needs in the Quad Cities were abundant. We also loved our campus with its attractive and quite new library and the beautiful chapel. What, no chapel in Chicago? That was hard to swallow even if we didn't attend chapel every day because sometimes it was fun to go down the hill to the Augustana College student union.

I could go on. But the Dicken's quote does pick up some of the flavor of that final year in the long history of Augustana Seminary, Rock Island, Illinois. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

Gary F. Anderson, Rock Island Sem Class of 1967

# Prairie Grass Dividing to be Republished

The book by J. Iverne Dowie, called *Prairie Grass Dividing*, is now in the process of being republished. The book tells the story of the early Augustana settlements in Kansas and Nebraska and the story of Luther College and Academy, Wahoo, Nebraska. First published in 1959 by the Augustana Historical Society, the book has long been out of print and unavailable.

Luther was a college of the Augustana Synod, founded in 1883. In 1962, as the Augustana Church merged to be a part of the Lutheran Church in America, the college also went through a merger. That was with Midland College to form the newly-named Midland Lutheran College (now Midland University), Fremont, Nebraska. But the loyalty of Luther alumni has hardly diminished over the years. They continue to hold reunions (the "Luther Fest") every other year.

The new edition of *Prairie Grass Dividing* is being published by the Augustana Heritage Association. It contains a new preface written by Dr. Carl L. Hansen,

president of Midland from 1981 to 1999. In that essay Hansen tells the history, influence, and legacy of Luther at Midland from 1962 to the present. The book also contains an essay by Dr. Dowie's daughter, Ruth Suman, about her father and his remarkable career in spite of his blindness. Many readers of this *Newsletter* will remember Dr. Dowie (1911-2005), who taught history at Augustana College from 1958 through 1979. He also taught earlier at Luther College for several years and, briefly in retirement, at California Lutheran University.

The book is scheduled for publication prior to the AHA Festival at Midland University. Copies of the book will be available at the Festival. The price per copy has not yet been announced. Based on an immense amount of original resources (letters, minutes, newspapers, and more), it will be a book to enjoy and learn from for anyone interested in Augustana history and its role in higher education.

## Hanson to Preach at Founders Day Service



The Rev. Mark Hanson, who served as Presiding Bishop of the ELCA from 2001–2013, will be the guest preacher at the Founders Day Service on Sunday, April 27, 4 p.m., at Augustana Lutheran Church in Andover, Illinois. The theme of the service is "That They May All Be One" and celebrates the founding of Augustana Church in Andover, as well as the Augustana Lutheran Church in America and Augustana College and Theological Seminary in Rock Island.

A meal will be served following the service for Rev. Hanson and his wife, as well as for persons attending the service. A free will donation will be received to cover the cost, but we do need RSVP by April 18 so as to have adequate food prepared. Please email or call the Augustana Church office: email@augustana-lutheran.org or 309 521-8127.

Mark this weekend on your calendar for next year—The Augustana Founders Day Reunion on April 25 and 26, 2015, in Andover, IL. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton is the preacher for the Sunday afternoon service. This reunion celebrates the 155th anniversary of the Augustana Lutheran Church in America and the 165th anniversary of the Andover Lutheran congregation—the first church of the national Augustana Synod. Full details will be available at jennylindchapel.org.

**Mark Hanson** 

# Valedictory Event in Philadelphia in 2016 Begins to Take Shape

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As reported to the readers of the Augustana Heritage

Newsletter in the Fall 2013 issue. the Board of Directors of the Augustana Heritage Association, at its last meeting April 26-28, 2013, on the campus of Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska, decided, among other things, to explore, as part of the "winding down" of the Association in the months remaining before its recommended termination date as a separate 501(c)3 non-profit corporation by December 31, 2016, to "explore the possibility" of an AHA "valedictory event" in Philadelphia in 2016.

At this time, I am happy to report that that possibility has, indeed, been "explored." Indeed, the folks in Philadelphia have already put together a preliminary schedule for such an event, have set a date, have chosen a location, and have agreed to meet with me on April 23 this year (2014) to formally organize a Local Planning Committee, receive instructions as to what things they would be responsible for, as over against the things that the Board of Directors of AHA would be responsible for, and to take the next steps in planning and making arrangements for this "valedictory."

As most of our readers are aware, the Augustana Heritage Association formally organized itself as a separate non-profit corporation at a meeting on the campus of Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, in June of the year 2000. Two years earlier, in 1998, it had met unofficially on the campus of the Chautauqua Institution in western New York state. Subsequently, beginning in 2002, regular biennial Gatherings have been held in Lindsborg, Kansas (2002 and 2008); St. Peter, Minnesota (2004 and 2012); Chautauqua (2006); and Rock Island (2010).

At its meeting in St. Peter on the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College in June of 2012, the members of AHA decided, on recommendation of its Board of Directors, to have, not another 4-day Gathering, as the previous eight Gatherings had been, but a shorter 3-day event, to be called a "Festival," on the campus of Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska, in June of 2014. The purpose of that event was (and still is, as you will read elsewhere in this issue of the Augustana *Heritage Newsletter*) to recognize and celebrate the heritage of the four Augustana-founded agencies and institutions in Nebraska:

Luther Junior College & Academy in Wahoo; Bethphage Mission in Axtell; Immanuel Deaconess Institute in Omaha and Immanuel Hospital in Omaha. Plans for that event are well in hand, and we are looking forward to it with a sense of keen anticipation.

At the same time, we can now look forward to a "valedictory" event in Philadelphia in 2016. The dates will be June 24-26; the exact location, as of this writing (February 7) is still pending but will be determined short-ly; and the purpose will be: 1) to recognize and celebrate the founding of the Augustana Institute on the campus of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia; 2) to recognize and honor the many congregations in "the east" (in contrast to the west or the Midwest) of Augustana origin; and 3) to say "hail and farewell" to the Augustana Heritage Association, recognizing and celebrating all that it has done in what by then will be 16 good years of "defining, promoting and perpetuating the heritage and legacy of the Augustana Lutheran Church."

With you, I look forward now, both to the **AHA Festival** this June in Fremont, as well as to the **AHA Valedictory** two years from this June in Philadelphia. I trust that both of these events will now be on your calendars. See you there!

David E. Baker, Executive Director Augustana Heritage Association

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### Äkta Augustana: Heirloom Recipes

Edited by Curtis and MariAn Olson and Luther and Adele Lindberg. A collection of recipes and Swedish traditions gathered by AHA members. \$20 including postage and handling.

The Augustana Story: Shaping Lutheran Identity in North America By Maria Erling and Mark Granquist (Augsburg Fortress, 2008). \$20 including postage and handling.

### The Augustana Heritage: Recollections, Perspectives, and Prospects

Edited by Arland J. Hultgren and Vance L. Eckstrom. Essays from presentations at the 1998 AHA Gathering at Chautauqua, NY. (Chicago: Augustana Heritage Association, 1998) \$10 including postage and handling.

### The Heritage of Augustana: Essays on the Life and Legacy of the Augustana Lutheran Church

Edited by Hartland H. Gifford and Arland J. Hultgren. Essays from the 2000 AHA Gathering in Rock Island and the 2002 AHA Gathering in Lindsborg. (Kirk House Publishers, Minneapolis, 2004). \$10 including postage and handling.

### Songs of Two Homelands–Hymns and Liturgy of the Augustana Lutheran Tradition, 2nd edition

Edited by Ronald T. Englund, Glenn C. Stone and John O. Swanson. (Chicago: Augustana Heritage Association, 2002). \$10 including postage and handling.

#### Available from the publisher, Scarecrow Press-

### The Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church in Print

By Virginia P. Follstad. An annotated list of serial publications issued by the Augustana Lutheran Church 1855-1962 with selected serial publications after 1962. (Scarecrow Press, Lanham, Maryland, 2007) \$45. www.scarecrowpress.com

### Every Morning New

By Herbert W. Chilstrom and E. Corinne Chilstrom (Chicago: Augustana Heritage Association, 2012). Devotional entries for every day of the year. \$15.00 including postage and handling.

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Lutheran Quarterly—Augustana issue—Spring 2010 Edited by Maria Erling and Mark Granquist. \$6 including postage and handling.

### Swedish-American Historical Quarterly-Augustana/

Covenant issue—April-July 2012 From the Covenant Conference Proceedings, November 2010. \$7 including postage and handling.

### CDs and DVDs

#### Nearer, Still Nearer (CD)

Hymns, Songs, and Liturgy from the 2004 AHA Gathering, St. Peter, Minnesota. (Chicago: Augustana Heritage Association, 2004) \$10 including postage and handling.

Augustana: Five Pastors Share Their Memories (DVD) Recollections of Augustana by five pastors: Arvid E. Anderson, Herbert W. Chilstrom, Paul M. Cornell, Donald W. Sjoberg and Reuben T. Swanson. Recorded at an AHA board meeting in 2005. (Chicago: Augustana Heritage Association, 2007) \$5 including postage and handling.

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