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Living the Legacy:

From Sailor to Soul Healer

by the Rev. Dr. Dennis A. Anderson

Sweating and living a life careless to sin (minus drinking) had been my life. It seemed as if Satan had me in his power." This is how the Rev. Erik A. Fogelstrom, the founder of Immanuel and the Immanuel Deaconess, describes himself.

Following in his Swedish father's footsteps, he went to sea at age seven. After confirmation he returned to the sea. He survived several sea storms and determined to give his life to the calling of God. After being influenced by

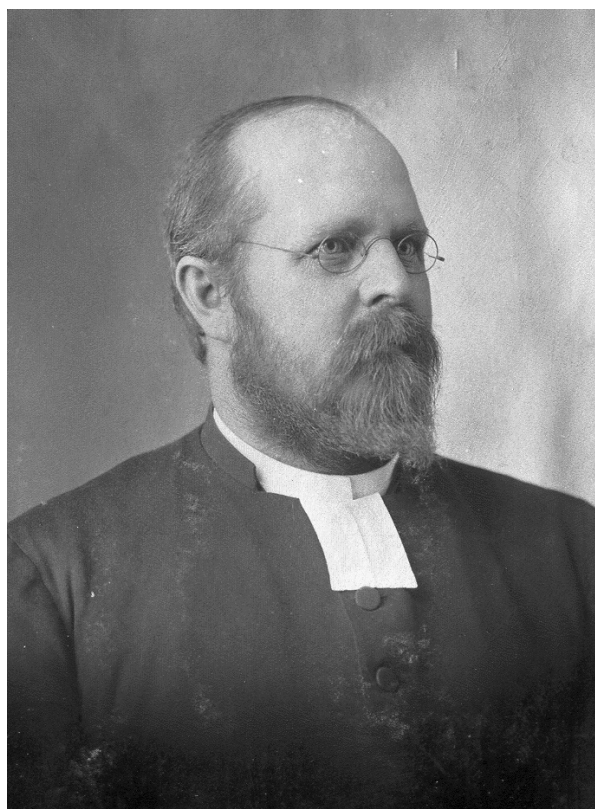
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several pastors, lay persons and key leaders of the Augustana Lutheran Church in America, he corresponded

with Dr. N. Hasselquist and was assured that "God wanted me" and he could be of use to the Gospel in America.

Living the Legacy is the recently published autobiography of the Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom, one of the most influential pioneer pastors of the Augustana Lutheran Church. The book tells of his heroic, at times, and lonely struggle against great odds. The book also explains how the ministries he founded continue on to this day through the dynamic growing ministries of Immanuel Communities and other institutions of care in the Omaha, Nebraska, area, part of the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA.

Upon ordination in 1877 in the Augustana Synod, Fogelstrom accepted a call in Brooklyn,



where he also had the opportunity to use his experience at sea ministering to seafarers, a ministry that continues to this day. When a call to a small Omaha congregation arrived, he declared, "It is a large stoney field, but God was here." He is confronted by a "cigar smokin' pew sittin'" judge, several very critical councilmen and significant church debt.

He persuaded the congregation to vote to pay the debt, which resulted in a less-than-overpowering resolution:

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Editor's Notes

As the members and friends of the Augustana Lutheran Synod in North America, we who are part of the Augustana Heritage Association continue to recall the people and events of the past decades. We routinely consider 1860 as the founding date for Augustana. But as Pastor Kim-Eric Williams reminds us, **there were Swedish Lutherans present on the East Coast** of the United States early in the 17th century. Read his article about Swedes who came long before the United States became a nation – before anyone knew about a “midwest.”

A new book by Elinor Berglund Barr is being published by the University of Toronto Press in Canada this spring, “Swedes in Canada: Invisible Immigrants.” We can learn something about our brothers and sisters who live just to the north of us.

Members and friends of AHA are reminded to reserve the date for the June 2016 final celebration in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Please read the announcements in this newsletter.

We apologize for the delay in our Spring 2015 issue of the AHA Newsletter. For the past half dozen years Ann Rezny served as our publisher, layout artist and art director. She was diagnosed with a serious illness and has been unable to work for many weeks. We offer prayers for Ann and her family. Sincere thanks go to Kathryn Brewer who on short notice has graciously agreed to prepare this issue.

A final reminder is in order for all of us. As our Association nears the end of our planned existence we all need to keep our membership up to date so that we are able to fulfill all obligations and preserve our legacy. See the membership renewal form printed in this issue.

As always, your ideas and submissions are welcome. With only three more issues planned, now is the time to make requests for any special topics to be covered. Suggestions? Ideas?

George Meslow

Looking Forward

David Baker, Executive Director

As we look ahead to the dissolving of the Augustana Heritage Association as a separate non-profit organization on December 31, 2016, there are several things that need our attention as members and supporters of AHA.

Paramount among those, of course, is the Augustana Valedictory ("Hail and Farewell") event planned for June 24-26, 2016, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, where we will:

- **recognize and celebrate** the founding of the Augustana Institute at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia;
- **recognize and celebrate** the contributions of the Augustana-founded congregations in "the East";
- **"hail"** some of the giants (and maybe a few midgits) in the Augustana Lutheran Church across the years; and
- **bid "farewell"** to one another and to the Augustana Heritage Association.

In addition to this four-fold purpose of the Valedictory, those attending will have the opportunity to visit some of the historic Swedish sites in the Philadelphia area and to participate in the "Midsommar" and other activities the present day Swedish community observes.

It promises to be an interesting and significant event. I invite our readers to make plans to participate. Further information about the Valedictory and related events appear elsewhere in this newsletter.



The Augustana Founders Day Reunion took place April 25 and 26 in Andover, Illinois. Sponsored by the Jenny Lind Chapel and Augustana Lutheran Church in Andover, the two-day event included a variety of interest groups, a smorgasbord, a hymn sing, a concert by the Augustana College Choir and three worship services. The preacher at the Festive Founders Day Service Sunday afternoon was the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. Read more about the day on pages 8 and 9.

Learn about the rich variety of interesting and important books that AHA has published during our 14 years of existence in the fascinating article in this newsletter by Arland Hultgren, chair of our AHA Publications & Projects Committee. He invites us to order those publications that are still in print for our own enlightenment or to give as gifts to others, our children, grandchildren or even great-grandchildren.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not encourage you, if you have not yet done so, to renew your AHA membership for this final biennium of our life together. Instructions on how to do that appear elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you to all those of you who have maintained your membership, as well as to those of you who will be renewing as soon as you receive this message!

- To pay the whole debt or none at all during the year.
- To allow the pastor to use his judgement as to how this should be accomplished.

Pastor Fogelstrom became a tireless, although frequently tired, fundraiser for Immanuel congregation and eventually Immanuel Hospital, as well as the Synod, Luther and Bethany Colleges.

He persuaded the congregation to move forward with a new church building. The

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congregation voted to allow the pastor to build a new church on new land and to obtain the necessary funds “in what every

way he finds suitable and that the congregation not be asked for funds until the building is roofed.”

When this impossible-sounding task was completed, he was moved by several orphans to begin an orphan ministry and then a hospital. Immanuel Hospital was born and received its first patients in 1890. Pastor Fogelstrom rallied the community and the Augustana Synod for support while giving birth to a women’s ministry through the founding of the Immanuel Deaconesses and Deaconess Home.

In gathering information for the exciting, inspiring and at times exhausting story of Pastor Fogelstrom, two different versions of the autobiography were discovered. One was provided by Immanuel and another was secured by the Rev. Dr. Harold Skillrud. These two versions were melded together by the Rev. Dr. Arland Hultgren. The Rev. Dr. Dennis Anderson provided the book concept and editorial supervision.



Pastor Fogelstrom said, “My life will be given to the great work of humanity.” The legacy lives on!

Immanuel is a vital institution of care providing senior ministry through nine different communities and two PACE sites from the Lincoln-Omaha area and Council Bluffs, Iowa. Immanuel is expanding to Des Moines and has established a new Community Vision Foundation to provide assistance to community health, youth, senior and church ministries. Its new headquarters building is being named in honor of a former CEO of Immanuel Hospital, Hans Link, and his wife, Jo.

A copy of the exciting story is available for \$10.00 by writing to Romana Edwards, 6757 Newport Ave. # 200, Omaha, NE 68152. Make your check out to Immanuel.

Augustana Memories

by R. Keith Lingwall

It was Christmas morning, and my twin sisters, Karen and Karna, my little brother, David and I are playing in the living room with the toys we opened on Christmas Eve, as well as gorging on the candy that Santa gave us in our stockings. My dad, Raynold Lingwall, is sound asleep on the couch. This was the scene on this Holy Day for the first 13 years of my life. When one has a festival service with candles and carols at 11:00 p.m., and then a “Julotta” service the following morning at 5:00 a.m., exhaustion sets in!

This all changed after the Iowa Conference Annual Meeting in 1954, when Dad was elected as the first full-time president of the Iowa conference, necessitating our family’s move to Des Moines. It seemed as if no one wanted to see the president on the holidays; thus, we had different holidays after that!

For my parents and their families of origin, there was a deep bond to their Augustana roots. Mother’s father was a founding member of Maria Lutheran Church in Hershey, Nebraska, formed to serve the colony of Swedish pioneer farmers in the Platte valley.

Dad received his higher education at three Augustana institutions: Luther Junior College, Wahoo, Neb.; Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.; and Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas. Following college he was married before he began seminary (unusual in that day). He often spoke of the influence of Dr. Hjalmer Johnson, long-time professor at the seminary in Rock Island.

My memories of the Augustana heritage were solidified as I grew up, as our family visited on at least an annual basis several institutions of the church, including the Immanuel Deaconess Institute in Omaha, and Bethphage Mission in Axtell, Neb. Confirmation classes each year were taken to these various ministry centers to see and experience the outreach of the church.

Before we moved to Des Moines, many of our deep friendships were with neighboring pastors’ families. There was a revolving shared

meal and time together with the various pastors who served in southwest Iowa. The annual conventions of the Augustana church also cemented seminary relationships, as did other contacts.

My own experience, professionally, started at Augustana College, especially with guidance provided by Professor Louis Almen and others. I am so thankful that I attended our Rock Island Seminary, especially because of the influence of the professors, who shaped me in so many ways. The tradition of educating professional leaders for the whole church geographically continued through my years at seminary. We had the special experience of being the last class to complete our degree in Rock Island, the LSTC class of 1967. We then scattered “to the four winds” following graduation.

One final note: my father came into possession of the cross which graced the chapel area of the Augustana Lutheran Church headquarters on Park Avenue in Minneapolis. It was bequeathed to me, and I would like very much to see it displayed in the Augustana Chapel at LSTC. I will continue to seek this placement in the very near future.

R. Keith Lingwall is a member of the class of '67, LSTC (Rock Island Campus).

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Clarence Leslie, oldest Augustana pastor, dies at 103

The Rev. Clarence Leslie died May 9, 2015, in Denver, Colorado, at age 103. He was the oldest Augustana Synod pastor. He is survived by his wife, Ednamarie.

Pastor Leslie, born in September 1911, was a member of the 1940 class of Augustana Seminary at Rock Island. He retired in 1977 after serving parishes in Iowa, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and as an interim in Colorado. In a spring 2013 interview, Leslie recalled his internship at Bethany parish, Lindsborg, Kansas, where he was expected to learn enough Swedish to lead hymns at a local senior facility.

See the full story from that interview at <http://augustanaheritage.org/AHANewsletterSpring13-web.pdf>

"Augustana: A Living Heritage!"

AHA Valedictory Celebration

Celebrate the years of the Augustana Heritage Association and of the Augustana Lutheran Church

June 24 - 26, 2016

Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale, Pennsylvania

Easy access from Interstate 476, train from Philadelphia Airport and Center City Philadelphia

Celebrate through song and liturgy.

- Participate in small group discussions and hear inspirational messages.
- Hear Emily Tepe formerly of the Royal Swedish Opera who also has her own Rock Band.
- Visit the American Swedish Historical Museum, the oldest Swedish-American museum in the United States on Saturday.
- Get to know more about Augustana in the East - New England and New York Conferences.

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AUGUSTANA HERITAGE ASSOCIATION
1100 EAST 55TH STREET
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(Memberships are not tax deductible)

Take a historic tour:

- **Pre-Celebration tour:** Learn about the First Swedish Immigrants to America and their locations in the East. Depart from hotels 9 AM Friday morning. Visit Swedish sites in the Delaware Valley, travel to Wilmington, Delaware to see Holy Trinity Church, Kalmar Nyckel and The Rocks, and then go to Swedesboro, N.J. Return to Gov. Printz Park at Tinicum.
- **Post-Celebration tour:** Visit the historic sites of Philadelphia: Independence Hall, Liberty Bell and Constitution Center.

Enjoy the legacy

- Learn about the Augustana Institute.
- Participate in this wonderful time to learn from our legacy and move into the future.
- Renew friendship, make new friendships.

The Fall newsletter will have more information, but mark your calendar now!

An Invitation from the Swedish Council of America

Greg White, Executive Director of the council based in Minneapolis, invites AHA members to join the council. SCA has a monthly e-newsletter.

Subscription requests should be sent to:

Swedish Council of America
2600 Park Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55407

A \$50.00 contribution will give both a subscription and support to the SCA. \$10 will keep one on their mailing list.

AUGUSTANA HERITAGE ASSOCIATION



Valedictory Celebration: A Living Heritage
June 24-26, 2016

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
1000 W. Main St. Lansdale, PA 19446



PRE-EVENT TOUR:

New Sweden on the Delaware
Kalmar Nyckel Old Swedes Church



EVENT TOUR:

Brossman Center LTSP & Augustana Archive
Per Johan Svärd, founder Seafarer's House, NYC
Altar, Zion, Greendale, Worcester, MA



American Swedish Historical Museum
Celebrating Midsummer's Day



POST-EVENT TOUR:



Independence Hall
Gloria Dei Church
and more!



EVENT PERSONALITIES:

THE REV. DR. JONAS JONSON
Bishop Emeritus
Strängnäs, Sweden

THE REV. DR. MARIA ERLING
Professor of Church History
Gettysburg Theological Seminary

EMILY SAMSON TEPE (IVA)
Royal Opera Stockholm
New York Public Theatre
World Cafe Live (Philadelphia)

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Leading worship and festivities at the Augustana Founders Day Reunion were Rev. Dr. Gary Wollersheim, Bishop, Northern Illinois Synod, Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and Rev. Jan Veseth, Pastor, Augustana Lutheran Church, Andover.

Augustana Founders Day Reunion a Success

by David Baker

The Augustana Founders Day Reunion at Augustana Lutheran Church in Andover the weekend of April 25-26 was, by all accounts, a fine success. Beginning with a series of interest groups on Saturday morning and afternoon, continuing with a time of sharing, a smorgasbord, hymn sing and vesper service Saturday evening and concluding with a concert by the Augustana College Choir under the direction of Jon Hurty and a Festive Founders Day Service with ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton as the preacher Sunday afternoon, the event drew over 300 people for the weekend, plus a few hundred more to fill the church on Sunday afternoon.

Between the worship service Sunday morning at which Bishop Gary Wollersheim of the Northern Illinois Synod preached and the choir concert Sunday afternoon, guided tours were conducted of the Jenny Lind Chapel and cemetery, as well as of the cholera monument and the original site of the Andover Children's Home.



Prior to the worship service Sunday afternoon, Gregg White, Executive Director of the Swedish Council of America, presented to the assembled gathering two proclamations from the SCA Board of Directors, one recognizing the 155th anniversary of the founding of the Augustana Synod and the other recognizing the 165th anniversary of the founding of the Augustana Lutheran Church in Andover. The



Local Planning Committee for this Founders Day Reunion, under the direction of Ron Peterson, Acting Dean of the Jenny Lind Chapel, is to be commended for imagining and carrying out this fine event to recognize and celebrate the founding, both of the Augustana Lutheran Church in Andover 165 years ago, as well as the founding of the Augustana Synod 155 years ago. It could not have been a better day.



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Unanimous Proclamation!

Whereas the **Augustana Synod** and its successors have provided caring fellowship, spiritual support and a sense of community to Swedish immigrants and their descendants across North America since 1860.

Whereas the **Augustana Synod** for decades preserved and promoted Swedish culture, traditions and Lutheran beliefs among Swedes and Swedish-Americans through services, activities and celebrations.

Whereas the **Augustana Synod** stands among the most historic and most honored Swedish cultural organizations in the United States.

Therefore the Board of Directors of the Swedish Council of America unanimously proclaims its sincerest appreciation, truest recognition and *djupaste uppskattning* to the **Augustana Synod** on the one-hundred-fifty-fifth anniversary of its founding as well as to the members of the **Augustana Heritage Association**, who preserve the history and honor of the Synod.

This twenty-sixth day of April, 2015

Gregg White, Executive Director



The Kalmar Nyckel (Key of Kalmar) was a Dutch-built armed merchant ship famed for carrying Swedish settlers to North America in 1638 to establish the colony of New Sweden. A replica of the ship was launched at Wilmington, Delaware, in 1997.

First Swedish Lutherans in the U.S.

by Kim-Eric Williams

Before Gustaf Unionius, before Bishop Hill in Illinois, before New Sweden, Iowa, or Lars Paul Esbjörn, hundreds of Lutherans moved from Sweden and Finland to the Delaware Valley to settle in the Swedish colony of New Sweden. The area is now included in the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, New

Jersey and Maryland. They were among the first European settlers in the area. Beginning with the services of the first called Lutheran pastor in America, Pastor Torkiil who served as Garrison priest at Fort Christina in 1640, a long line of some 40 pastors served the needs of what began as two congregations and ended up being eight widely separated parishes. All of these congregations continue to minister today, but now under the aegis of the Episcopal Church.

Their transfer to the Episcopal Church was not accidental but was part of a plan envisioned by Bishop Jesper Svedberg of Skara, Sweden, who superintended the Swedish Mission in North America. Whenever Swedish pastors found that their congregations did not understand Swedish, they automatically switched to English and the Book of Common Prayer. Bishop Svedberg did not think the use of Swedish in an English colony would last forever so he recommended close contact with Anglican clergy and congregations. Swedish pastors often supplied in vacant Anglican churches and when they returned to Sweden called on the Bishop of London to receive a pension for their services to the churches in America. In an area of many sectarians who had no sacramental beliefs one Swedish priest described the Anglican and Lutheran churches as two roses blooming among sectarian weeds.

Swedish was the language of worship, not only during the colony (1638-1655), but also afterwards when the Dutch conquerers gave the Swedes self-rule as the “Swedish Nation” and paid the salary of one pastor of the “Augsburg Confession.” After the coming of Quakers and the English take-over, the last Swedish pastor died. The congregation in Wilmington, Del., (called Christina) and in Wicaco, Gloria Dei, Philadelphia, appealed for help to the King of Sweden. In 1697 King Carl XI sent three priests from the Church of Sweden to renew the mission of the Lutheran Church in the Delaware Valley. Erik Björck built Holy Trinity Church in Wilmington in 1699 and Andreas Rudman built Gloria Dei in Wicaco, Philadelphia, in 1700. Both of these congregations still use their original buildings — the oldest Lutheran structures in America. The Swedish High Mass continued to be celebrated every Sunday and the two congregations grew to become eight as people moved away from the original settlements. They continued to use Swedish until the American Revolution cut off their contacts with Sweden. They became Americanized and were unable to use Swedish any longer.

The German Lutherans of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania were supportive but insisted

An interactive map of New Sweden landmarks is available at <https://colonialswedes.net/new-sweden-landmarks/>





Old Swede's Church (Holy Trinity) in Swedesboro, N.J., was built in 1786. The congregation was founded about 1700 as a Swedish Lutheran Church with services in Swedish, but became Anglican and then an Episcopal Church.

that only German could be used in their association. Thus they also refused membership to St. John's English Lutheran Church in Philadelphia (1806) because they used only English. During

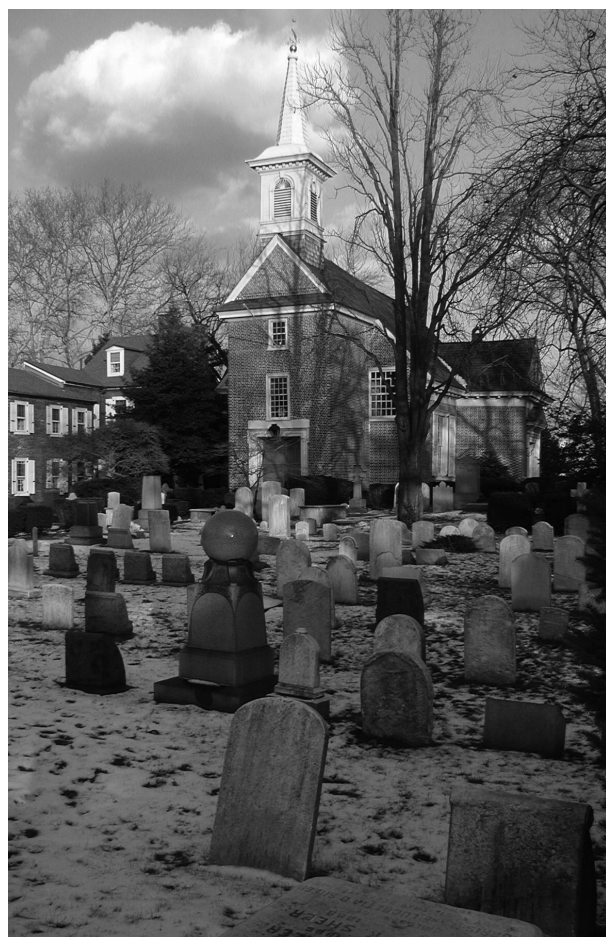


Holy Trinity Church, Wilmington, was built in 1698–99 from local blue granite and Swedish bricks that had been used as ship's ballast, and is the oldest Swedish church in the United States.

the 19th century, one after another Swedish Lutheran congregation joined an Anglican diocese in the states they were located. Today genealogists estimate that there are between 10 and 20 million descendants of those early Lutheran settlers in America. The Swedish Colonial Society — the oldest Swedish historical society in this country — has helped more than 350 families document their connection to the colonial Swedes. Their website, www.colonialswedes.net, has additional information about the history of the colony and of the major families.

All the participants to the 2016 Augustana Valedictory Celebration will get a chance to see the Gloria Dei building in Philadelphia, the oldest church in Pennsylvania,. Those who register for the pre-conference bus tour on Friday, June 24, will also see “the rocks” where the Swedes landed in 1638, as well as Holy Trinity Church, the Kalmar Nyckel Maritime Center, and the largest of the Old Swedish churches, Trinity, in Swedesboro/Sveaborg, New Jersey, which was built in 1786.

Gloria Dei, Philadelphia, was built between 1698 and 1700, making it the oldest church in Pennsylvania. The congregation dates to 1677, and the graveyard around the church to about the same time. The church has been Episcopal since 1845.



The Publishing Program of the AHA

Aggressive and Comprehensive

by Arland J. Hultgren, Chair

Publications and Projects Committee

The purpose of the AHA from its beginning has been “to define, promote and perpetuate the heritage and legacy of the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church.” Two of the most obvious ways that has been done is through the presentations at Gatherings and the recent Festival and through its publications.

Through the publications program several books have been published, some fine CDs and DVDs have been produced, and dozens of essays have been posted on the AHA website. Many of the books and other media are still available and are listed on the back of the *AHA Newsletter*. Some items, although listed here, have been sold out. What follows is a summary of things that have been produced, whether still available or not, and in chronological order. Some of these items were produced and financed by the AHA alone (with special appeals for funds in a few cases); others have been produced by other publishing companies, but usually on the initiative of the AHA, often with subsidies, or at least in cooperation with the AHA.

Books

The Augustana Heritage: Recollections, Perspectives, and Prospects, edited by Arland J. Hultgren and Vance L. Eckstrom, was published by the AHA in 1999. It contains essays from the Augustana Heritage Sesquicentennial Gathering at the Chautauqua Institution in 1998. The book is packed with 27 essays gathered under six headings: “Ecclesial and Cultural Aspects of Augustana’s Heritage,” “Theology and Theological Education,” “Evangelism, Ecumenism, and Social Ministry,” “Global Missions,” “Institutions, Congregations, Auxiliaries, and Higher Education,” and “Prospects for the Augustana Heritage.” The essays were originally given in lectures and have been adapted for print. All available copies have been sold.

Songs of Two Homelands: Hymns and Liturgy of the Augustana Lutheran Tradition, edited by Ronald T. Englund, Glenn C. Stone, and John O. Swanson, was published by the AHA twice. The first edition was published in 2000 and was available at the Gathering at Augustana College that year. That edition was soon sold out, and a second edition (with one additional hymn) was published in 2002. Any remaining copies are being held for use at the AHA Valedictory event in 2016.

The Heritage of Augustana: Essays on the Life and Legacy of the Augustana Lutheran Church, edited by Hartland Gifford and Arland Hultgren, was published by the AHA in 2004. It contains 28 essays and two sermons. The essays are grouped together under the following headings: “Sweden and America,” “Illinois,” “Kansas,” “The Church,” “The Seminary,” “Global Outreach,” “Women of Augustana,” and “Two Notable Persons.” The contents of this book were originally presented orally at Gatherings held at Augustana College (2000) and Bethany College (2002).

The Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church in Print by Virginia P. Follstad was published by Scarecrow Press in 2007. The book appears in a prestigious library series and has been hailed as an extremely important resource for research on the Augustana Lutheran Church and Swedish-American history. The author reviews over 330 periodicals (newspapers, journals, and more). According to a review in the *Lutheran Quarterly*, “One can hardly imagine a more complete or thorough volume on this subject or one that could be more helpful.”

The Augustana Story: Shaping Lutheran Identity in North America, written by two church historians, Professor Maria Erling of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Penn., and Professor Mark Granquist of Luther Seminary,

St. Paul, Minn., was published by Fortress Press in 2008. The book is a comprehensive history of the Augustana Church from its founding until its merger into the LCA in 1962. Not just a book of names and dates, it covers the founding of the church, its struggle for Lutheran identity in the new world, its various ministries in higher education, youth work, global missions, ecumenism, and much more.

Äkta Augustana: Heirloom Recipes, edited by Curtis and MariAn Olson and Luther and Adele Lindberg, was published by the AHA in 2008. (For those whose Swedish is rusty, the title means “Authentically Augustana.”) Long unavailable, the book contains scores of recipes for the culinary favorites of the Augustana tradition. It also contains pictures of what many of the items should look like when properly prepared.

Every Morning New by Herbert W. Chilstrom and E. Corrine Chilstrom was published by the AHA in 2012. It contains devotional readings for every day of the year. The book was available for the first time at the AHA Gathering at Gustavus Adolphus College in 2012, on which occasion the authors were thanked by the AHA for the amount of work and creativity that they put into the book.

Prairie Grass Dividing by J. Iverne Dowie, published originally in 1959, has been updated and published by the AHA in a new edition in 2014. It tells the story of early Swedish settlements in Kansas and Nebraska, relating how the pioneers established congregations, communities, and Luther College and Academy at Wahoo, Nebraska. It is based on original documents (letters, newspapers, minutes of congregations and other organizations, and more). Eminently readable, it is obviously a labor of love by a person, blind from the age of two, who overcame many personal obstacles and taught history at Luther College, Augustana College, and in retirement at California Lutheran University.

Living the Legacy: Immanuel, edited by Dennis Anderson, was published by Immanuel

of Omaha in 2014 and was available at the AHA Festival at Midland University that year. The book outlines the history of the organization, including the founding of Immanuel Hospital and the Immanuel Deaconess Institute, and contains the fascinating autobiography of their founder, Erik A. Fogelstrom. For more details, see a separate article by Dennis Anderson in this newsletter.

Essays and a Book on the Website

As indicated above, essays from Gatherings held in 1998, 2000, and 2002 were published in books. Presentations at subsequent Gatherings have been posted on the AHA website (www.augustanaheritage.org) and can be accessed there by clicking “Publications” and then “Essays.” The presentations are from the Gatherings of 2004 (Gustavus Adolphus College), 2006 (the Chautauqua Institution), 2008 (Bethany College), 2010 (Augustana College), 2012 (Gustavus Adolphus College), and the Festival of 2014 (Midland University).

In addition to these presentations, the book by Conrad Bergendoff, *The Augustana Ministerium: A Study of the Careers of the 2,504 Pastors of the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Synod/Church 1850–1962*, published in 1980 by the Augustana Historical Society and long out of print, can be downloaded from the website. The link to it is at the bottom of the page of the “Publications” tab. Bergendoff lists the pastors of the Augustana Church alphabetically by the year of their ordination and provides a brief record of their service. An alphabetical index of names is included in the back.

Journals

The editors and staff members of three prominent journals took an interest in the Augustana Church during the years that the AHA has been active in its own publication program. One is the *Lutheran Quarterly*, a

pan-Lutheran journal that has existed for many years and contains scholarly articles related to Lutheran theology and history. The spring 2010 issue of the journal is devoted to the Augustana Church, marking the 150th anniversary of its founding. It was guest edited by Maria Erling and Mark Granquist and contains six scholarly articles about Augustana.

The Swedish-American Historical Quarterly, with a contribution from the AHA and other organizations, published a special issue called “The Augustana Synod and the Covenant Church: Contact, Conflict, and Confluence 1860-2010.” It was published in the spring of 2012 and contains nine articles based on lectures given at North Park University in 2010. That year marked not only the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Augustana Church (1860), but also the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Covenant Church (1885).

Another journal giving attention to Augustana was *Currents in Theology and Mission*, the theological journal published by the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. The June 2012 issue is called “Augustana: A Lively Tradition,” and contains four articles.

Newsletter

Even prior to the formal organization of the AHA in 2000 at Augustana College, the heritage of the Augustana Lutheran Church was being remembered and celebrated. The *Augustana Heritage Newsletter*, edited by Donovan J. Palmquist, was published twice a year by LSTC as early as 1996. Once the AHA was formally organized as a corporation independent of LSTC, but keeping its office there, the first editors of the *Augustana Heritage Newsletter* were Arvid and Nancy Anderson (co-editors, 2000–2008). They were succeeded by Ronald T. Englund (editor, 2008–2012). He was followed by the current editor, George M. Meslow (editor, 2013—). The issues of the *AHA Newsletters* are filled with information about the organization, announcements of activities by Augustana people and institutions in the United States and Canada, and articles about the history of the denomination and many of its outstanding leaders.

CDs and DVDs

CDs and DVDs have been produced on the initiative of those who have had an impact on AHA events, particularly in music. These have been produced under a variety of circumstances. *Bright Gems for His Crown: Hymns from the Augustana Lutheran Church*, a CD produced in 2002 by John (“Jack”) Swanson, contains a collection of 44 hymns. It was recorded at Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina, Minn., with Dr. Swanson playing the organ and piano, and Amy James singing as a soloist. *Nearer, Still Nearer*, also produced by John Swanson, contains recordings of hymns and worship at the AHA Gathering at Gustavus Adolphus College in 2004. *Augustana: Five Pastors Share their Memories* is a DVD recorded in 2005 at an AHA Board meeting. Those who share memories are Arvid E. Anderson, Herbert W. Chilstrom, Paul M. Cornell, Donald W. Sjoberg, and Reuben T. Swanson. Finally, *Join in the Dancing: Swedish Folk Dance Mass* is a DVD recorded at the 2006 Gathering at Chautauqua. The author of the *Mass* is Per Harling of Sweden, who was in attendance at that Gathering and led the liturgical dance.

It has been said that, of all the Lutheran traditions making up the ELCA, the Augustana people have done most to preserve information about their church and their heritage. That comment, made by an archivist, applies particularly to the time that the Augustana Church was in existence (1860–1962). The collection of historical documents of the Augustana Church at the ELCA Archives located at Elk Grove Village near Chicago is truly impressive. But the documentation did not end with the LCA merger in the early 60s. It has been extended by the AHA up to the present through an aggressive and comprehensive program of publishing. Fortunately, the ELCA Archives has preserved AHA productions, for which we can be grateful. The Augustana habit of preservation is thus being perpetuated and preserved for future generations.

Highlights of AHA Board Meeting, April 18, 2015

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Augustana Heritage Association was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, the site of next year's AHA Valedictory Celebration, on Saturday, April 18. Ten of the thirteen members of the Board, one of the two advisors to the Board, and three of the four staff members were present. The five who were absent were all excused for medical, health, or related reasons.

At the meeting, which began at 9:00 a.m. and concluded at 5:00 p.m., the Board, in addition to approving the minutes of its previous meetings June 12 and 15, 2014, and reviewing the minutes of the Biennial AHA Business meeting June 15, 2014:

- 1) received and accepted reports from the President, the Treasurer and the Executive Director;
- 2) expressed appreciation to Judy Burch for performing the annual financial audit;
- 3) received, with appreciation and affirmation, information about plans being made for the June, 2016 AHA Valedictory Celebration;
- 4) deferred until next year action on the distribution of remaining funds after AHA dissolves;
- 5) recommended to the final AHA Business Meeting that the Board be kept intact until 6/1/17;
- 6) designated the Augustana Institute as the recipient of any royalties received after 12/31/16;
- 7) accepted, with appreciation, the offer of Augustana College to host the AHA website after 12/31/16 and authorized Mark Hurty, the current AHA webmaster, to negotiate the details;
- 8) suggested that an article about the "Seminary on the Hill" or a current ELCA seminarian with Augustana roots be included in one or more of the remaining issues of the AH Newsletter;
- 9) asked Ruth Ann Deppe, the AHA Office Manager, to update the list of former Augustana congregations still in existence and place it on the AHA website;
- 10) recommended that the availability on the AHA website of the Index prepared by Ruth Ann Deppe of AH Newsletter articles over the years be noted in the final issue of the Newsletter;
- 11) suggested that an article about the top ten oldest living former Augustana pastors be included in the final issue of the AH Newsletter;
- 12) received and accepted an offer from Marilyn Jackson, a current AHA Board member, to write an article about the "younger generation" of former Augustana members for one of the remaining issues of the Newsletter;
- 13) decided to leave the current AHA biennial membership dues of \$35 for individuals, \$50 for households, and \$100 for congregations, institutions and agencies as they are and to encourage everyone who has not yet renewed their membership for the current biennium to do so now;
- 14) received a report that the Augustana Ministerium compiled by Conrad Bergendoff is now on the AHA website and available at a much faster speed than it has been;
- 15) received a report that the English translation by Norman Hjelm of the book by Jonas Jonson on Nathan Soderblom is nearing completion and will be published by Eerdmans in time to be available at the AHA Valedictory Celebration in June of 2016;
- 16) deferred until next year the determination of the disposition of all remaining AHA published books;
- 17) authorized the allocation of \$1,000 from the Book Fund for the publication of a program booklet for the Valedictory Celebration;
- 18) determined that the ELCA Archives in Chicago will be the primary depository for any remaining Augustana Synod or AHA materials;
- 19) designated the accounting firm in Moline and the law firm in Cambridge, Illinois, that have been used since the incorporation of AHA as the firms to be employed for any help that may be needed with the dissolution process;
- 20) recommended that the liturgy for the Closing Worship Service at the AHA Valedictory Celebration be the one from the 1925 Augustana Hymnal;
- 21) noted, with appreciation, the willingness of Jack Swanson to serve as the organist and hymn sing leader at the Valedictory Celebration;
- 22) accepted, with appreciation, the offer of Sonya Lindquist, a current AHA Board member, to oversee, for the 2016 Valedictory Celebration, the creating of a DVD PowerPoint presentation recognizing some of the significant activities, people and places of Augustana; and
- 23) set Thursday, June 23, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale, PA, as the date, time and place of the next meeting of the Board.

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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 including postage and handling.

Journals

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

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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.

Join in the Dancing: Swedish Folk Dance Mass (DVD)

Par Harling's Swedish Folk Dance Mass. Filmed at the 2006 AHA Gathering at Chautauqua, NY. (Chicago: Augustana Heritage Association, 2007) \$10 including postage and handling.

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