



Northern Illinois Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Report of Jenny Lind Chapel

The story of the Jenny Lind Chapel and the hardships of early Swedish settlers in Andover from the 1850's are well known. Today, the Chapel serves as a historical monument, museum, and church for selected services throughout the year. The Chapel is open every day from 9am to 5pm, April through October. Please visit the Chapel website at JennyLindChapel.org for latest events.

During the past year, the Chapel hosted the following special events in chronological order...

Annual Founders Day Service – Sunday, April 30, 2023

Pastor Michel Clark spoke at this service celebrating the 163rd anniversary of both the Augustana Lutheran Church in America and Augustana College and Theological Seminary, and the 173rd anniversary of the Augustana Lutheran congregation in Andover. Due to the event size, the service was held in Augustana Lutheran Church in Andover.

Birdies for Charity

The Jenny Lind Chapel annually participates in the John Deere Classic Golf Tournament Birdies for Charity pledge program to provide funds for the Chapel ministry.

Special Musical Concert - Sunday, June 4, 2023

Wild Columbine, a Springfield area quartet, performed at the Jenny Lind Chapel. The group played music from the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, including "*Jenny Lind Medley*." The concert included the stories behind the songs.

Summer Vespers

Brief 7:00 pm Sunday evening worship services were held at the Chapel on the last Sunday of each summer month. Last year's services...

June 25, 2023 - Pastor Laurie Hensley of **Bethany Lutheran Church, Woodhull** presiding

July 30, 2023 – Interim Pastor Randall Swanson of **Augustana Lutheran Church, Andover** presiding

August 27, 2023 - Pastor Laurie Hensley of **Bethany Lutheran Church, Woodhull** presiding

Annual Swedish Högmässa Service - Sunday, September 24, 2023

Rev. Wayne Miller, retired Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America spoke at the service. The liturgy (in Swedish) was led by Mark Safstrom, Ph.D, Associate Professor of Scandinavian Studies at Augustana College.



Annual Andover Christmas Walk - Sunday, December 3, 2023

Special Christmas music at the candlelit Jenny Lind Chapel was provided as part of the Village of Andover celebration

Annual Joy of Christmas with Augustana College - Wednesday, December 6, 2023



Students and faculty from Augustana College conducted a beautiful service of worship and music featuring speaker Dr. Alex Jones, Professional Faculty Instructor and Clinical Supervisor, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Augustana College. Service started at Augustana Lutheran Church in Andover where the Christmas story was read in several different languages. Following, the service concluded with a procession to the candle-lit Jenny Lind Chapel where Holy Communion was celebrated to the strains of familiar Christmas

carols.

Community Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - Sunday, December 24, 2023

Traditional Christmas Service conducted at the Chapel beginning at 11pm, and concluding at the start of Christmas day.

Plans are underway for 2024 Events starting with the **Annual Founders Day Service** on Sunday, April 28, 2024 with Bishop Stacie Fidlar scheduled to speak.

Jenny Lind Board Members...

Gordon Rehn, Acting Dean; Ron Peterson, David Renneke, Dr. Randy Mullins, Pr. Michel Clark, Pr. Randy Swanson, Debra Lawyer, Carol Brockhouse, Helene Leaf, John Peterson, and John Norton.

Changes to the board in 2023: Greg Johnson's term expired; Pr. Reed Pedersen accepted a call to Denver, Iowa; and Ron Peterson stepped down after years of faithfully serving as Acting Dean of the Jenny Lind chapel, but continues as a valued board member.

Jenny Lind Support Staff

Jody Nimrick – Custodian

Tim Larson – Museum Curator & Building Maintenance

Kevin Clark – Groundskeeper

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