Ten Days of Celebration – 2010
The Paths of the Swedish Immigrants

For ten days, June 4-14, 2010, we will be celebrating several anniversaries:

- 175th – Andover
- 160th - Augustana Lutheran Church, Andover
- 160th - Augustana College, Rock Island
- 150th - Augustana Lutheran Church in America

Here are some of the featured events.

- June 4 and 5 (evenings) - "The Dreamers", a play. Andover, Illinois
- June 5 - parade. Andover
- June 6 - band concert and fireworks. Andover
- June 6 - anniversary worship service at Augustana Lutheran Church
- June 10 - tours of Jenny Lind Chapel, adjacent cemetery, and Augustana Lutheran Church. Provided by the Augustana Heritage Association celebrating the anniversary of the Augustana Lutheran Church in America.
- June 11 - Midsummer Festival. Augustana College, Rock Island
- June 13 - lecture by Bishop Mark Hanson of the ELCA. Augustana College.

Visitors

Visitors from Sweden can fly to O'Hare airport in Chicago and rent a car. You may wish to visit Swedish sites in the Chicago area. After leaving Chicago, take I-80 west to LaSalle, Illinois. In downtown LaSalle you can ride a horse-drawn replica of the canal boat that took the Swedish immigrants from Chicago to LaSalle in the 1800’s on the I&M Canal. From LaSalle, the immigrants either hired a wagon and a team of horses or walked to Andover, Illinois.

On to Andover

At LaSalle, return to I-80 and continue going west to the interchange with I-74. Take I-74 south for 8 miles to Exit 24. Take Illinois Route 81 east two miles to Andover and the
Jenny Lind Chapel. There are motels, hotels and restaurants in Moline, Rock Island, Galesburg and Geneseo.

Nearby

Side trips can be planned to Bishop Hill, Galesburg, Moline, Rockford, and Swedesberg, Iowa.