



**Tour of Vasa
Gathering VIII – Gustavus Adolphus
College**

Thursday, June 21, 2012

**Pre-Gathering Bus Tour
Registration**

Schedule for Thursday, June 21

7:45 load bus at Gustavus
8:00 enjoy breakfast bag-to-go on the bus ride to Vasa (including coffee)
10:00 arrive at Vasa for a tour of the church and the Lutheran Center and Museum
12:00 lunch and entertainment provided by Vasa Lutheran Church
1:00 depart
3:00 arrive back at Gustavus

Registrant #1:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

E-mail address: _____

Registrant #2: (Roommate)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

E-mail address: _____

Cost: per person

- \$40 per person – no Gustavus housing**
- \$70 per person – with double housing at Gustavus**
- \$80 per person – with single housing at Gustavus**

Total enclosed: \$ _____ *(Payment enclosed by check or money order payable to Gustavus)*

Deadline to reserve your spot on the bus is May 15, 2012

Mail this registration form along with payment to:

Augustana Heritage Association Gathering
c/o Center for Servant Leadership
Gustavus Adolphus College
800 West College Avenue
Saint Peter, MN 56082

For questions regarding this registration, please contact Amy Pehrson at 507-933-7169 or via e-mail at apehrson@gustavus.edu

Augustana Heritage Association Gathering 2012
“A Living Legacy”
Pre-Gathering bus tour to Vasa, Minnesota



The red brick of Vasa Lutheran Church came from the same clay made famous by Red Wing pottery.



Vasa Museum tells the story of the congregation
Photos: Vicki Weckerling

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- \$70 per person (if registered with Gustavus housing for a double)
- \$80 per person (if registered with Gustavus housing in a single)

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Vasa Lutheran traces its history to 1855, having been organized by noted “church planter” Pastor Eric Norelius. The congregation was initially called the Swedish Lutheran Congregation. Norelius later proposed changing the name to Vasa after the Swedish royal family at the time of the Reformation in 1523. The name was later adopted by the township and the village that developed nearby.

While Norelius founded a number of congregations, he initially served Vasa Lutheran as interim pastor several times in the congregation’s early years. First Lutheran Church in St. Paul was organized by Norelius the same day as Vasa but a few hours later. His attachment to Vasa church is demonstrated by the church history, which shows he served the congregation six different times: 1855-58, 1861-69, 1869-79, 1886-88, 1901-06, and 1914-15. In fact, Pastor Norelius was so connected to the Vasa community that he later built his own home close to the church.

When he discovered two orphans in St. Paul, he brought them home to Vasa, founding the well-known Vasa Children’s Home, a predecessor of Lutheran Social Service. Norelius also founded Gustavus Adolphus College in Red Wing; the college later moved to St. Peter, Minnesota.