

# North Star Chapter

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## **Lunch Social**

**Saturday, September 13, 11:30 A.M.**

**Glockenspiel Restaurant, 605 7<sup>th</sup> St. W., St. Paul, MN**

We will ease back into our active program year with a popular treat: lunch together at the German restaurant Glockenspiel near downtown St. Paul. We will order off the menu and everyone is responsible for the cost of their own meal. To reserve your spot, please contact Lil Ward by Saturday, September 6, at 763-784-8626 or [lilward@comcast.net](mailto:lilward@comcast.net). Directions and menu information can be found at [www.glockenspielrestaurant.com](http://www.glockenspielrestaurant.com). Plan to see your North Star Chapter friends at our September gathering.

## **Merchants' Gifts: A Slice of Small Town Business**

**Saturday, October 18, 1:00 PM- 4:00 P.M**

**Berea Lutheran Church, 7538 Emerson Ave. S., Richfield MN**

In years past, it was common for small town merchants to give away small gifts, either to entice customers or at the holidays to thank customers for a year of patronage. Many of us had pens, thermometers, calendars, hammers, ashtrays, whisks, and other such practical items in our homes, stamped with the names and addresses of our local businesses. Can you believe some of these are now collectors' items, prized by antique dealers?

Several North Star Chapter members will be bringing such items to our October event and sharing the stories behind them. All members are encouraged to bring similar items if you have them, and let us know about their background. Bring back some small town memories with merchants' gifts from your own Midwest town and share them with your North Star Chapter friends at our October program, which will include a business meeting

## **Upcoming Dates**

November 15, 2008: Genealogy meeting at Berea, program to be announced

December 6, 2008: Weihnachtsfest potluck at Berea