

VIEW VIDEOS OF LLC'S FINNFEST USA 2013 PRESENTATIONS ON LAESTADIAN LUTHERAN:

- History
- North American and Finnish Connections
- Hymn Traditions

FinnFest USA 2013 was held in Michigan's Copper Country, June 19–23, primarily at Michigan Technological University in Houghton. Some events and activities were held in neighboring Hancock and surrounding towns. LLC participated in the annual Finnish-themed event in several ways—a Sunday church service, three lecture-style presentations, an exhibit on Laestadianism, and with a publications booth in the tori (FinnFest marketplace).

The event provided a good opportunity for FinnFest-goers to also learn about LLC, Conservative Laestadianism, acquire the church's publications and information pamphlets, and most importantly to attend the service to hear God's Word. Some years LLC has participated in the annual event, which showcases the diversity of experience of the Finnish-American, Finnish, Swede-Finn, and Sami peoples. The event's offerings are historical, educational, religious, social, recreational, cultural, musical, and commercial, to mention some aspects. Early in the planning, LLC received an invitation from event chairman Jim Kurtti of the Hancock's Finnish American Heritage Center to participate with among other things a service, informative lectures, and an updated version of LLC's millennium exhibit, *From Living Seed to Flourishing Field: Laestadian Lutherans in North America*. The exhibit was shown at FinnFest in Minneapolis in 2002. The LLC's presentations were well attended, with active discussions and questions following the lectures.